

## California governor wants users to profit from online data

**By DON THOMPSON**  
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**SACRAMENTO, Calif.**  
**(AP)** — California Gov. Gavin Newsom has set off a flurry of speculation after he said the state's consumers should get a piece of the billions of dollars that technology companies make by capitalizing on personal data they collect.  
The new governor has asked aides to develop a proposal for a "data dividend" for California residents but provided no hints about whether he might be suggesting a tax on tech companies, an individual refund to their customers or something else.  
"Companies that make bil-

lions of dollars collecting, curating and monetizing our personal data have a duty to protect it," the Democrat said in his first State of the State speech Tuesday. "California's consumers should also be able to share in the wealth that is created from their data."  
Tech companies, for example, sell the data to outside businesses that target ads to users. The European Union and Spain's socialist government last year each proposed taxing big internet companies like Google, Facebook and Amazon.

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In this Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019 photo, California Gov. Gavin Newsom delivers his first state of the state address to a joint session of the legislature at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif.

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## U.S. says ex-intel official defected to Iran, revealed secrets

By ERIC TUCKER  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A former U.S. Air Force counter-intelligence specialist who defected to Iran despite warnings from the FBI has been charged with revealing classified information to the Tehran government, including the code name and secret mission of a Pentagon program, prosecutors said Wednesday. The Justice Department also accused Monica Elfriede Witt, 39, of betraying former colleagues in the U.S. intelligence community by



This image provided by the FBI shows part of the wanted poster for Monica Elfriede Witt.

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feeding details about their personal and professional lives to Iran. Four hackers linked to the Iranian government, charged in the same indictment, used that information to target the intelligence workers online, prosecutors said.

Witt had been on the FBI's radar at least a year before she defected after she attended an Iranian conference and appeared in anti-American videos. She was warned about her activities, but reassured agents that she would not provide sensitive information about her work if she returned to Iran, prosecutors say. She was not arrested at the time.

"Once a holder of a top secret security clearance, Monica Witt actively sought opportunities to undermine the United States and support the government of Iran — a country which poses a serious threat to our national security," said FBI executive assistant director Jay Tabb, the bureau's top national security official. Tabb said "she provided information that could cause serious damage to national security," though he did not provide specifics.

Witt remains at large in Iran, as do the four hackers, who prosecutors say were acting on behalf of the government-linked Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. That group, a branch of Iran's armed forces, has been designated by the U.S. government as terrorism supporter.

The indictment was unsealed the same week as Iran celebrated the

40th anniversary of its Islamic Revolution and as the country denounced a Middle East security conference co-hosted by the U.S. and Poland. Officials said the indictment's timing was unconnected to the meeting.

Witt, a Texas native, served in the Air Force between 1997 and 2008, where she was trained in the Farsi language and was deployed overseas on classified counterintelligence missions, including to the Middle East. She then found work as a Defense Department contractor.

She defected to Iran in 2013 after being invited to two all-expense-paid conferences in the country that the Justice Department says promoted anti-Western propaganda and condemned American moral standards. She was a Defense Department contractor at the time.

The Treasury Department on Wednesday sanctioned the New Horizon Organization, which sponsored the conferences Witt attended and hosts events that American officials say promote Holocaust denial, conspiracy theories and serve as a platform for Iranian intelligence recruitment.

Witt first traveled to a "Hollywoodism" conference in 2012, when she appeared in Iranian television videos in which she identified herself as a former U.S. service member with hostile views toward America. She was warned by FBI agents that she was a potential recruitment target. □

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Common Sense Media, which helped pass California's nation-leading digital privacy law last year, plans to propose legislation in coming weeks that would reflect Newsom's proposal, founder and CEO James Steyer said, without providing details.

Starting next year, California's European-style privacy law will require companies to tell customers upon request what personal data they have collected and why, which categories of third parties have received it, and allow consumers to delete their information and not sell it.

U.S. Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, ranking Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, predicted in November that California would consider legislation that would "send a shiver down the spine" of tech companies.

He described the proposal as returning 25 percent of the value of an individual's data. It wasn't clear how the calculation would be made.

Warner's office said Wednesday that he made the comment after speaking with Steyer.

Warner is considering federal legislation requiring companies like California-based Facebook and Google to provide users with annual estimates of what their data is worth to the companies.

Steyer said in a statement that Newsom is "spot on" about consumers having the "right to share in the profits that companies are making off them."

Axios calculated that the average Facebook user

is worth \$7.37 to the company, while a Twitter user is worth \$2.83, and a Reddit user, about 30 cents. The calculation basically divided the companies' annual revenue by their monthly active users.

California-based tech giants Facebook and Google did not immediately comment.

Newsom's office would not say who is leading his review. Newsom "is open to constructive input" from national experts and lawmakers, spokesman Brian Ferguson said in a statement.

The governor's office pointed to proposals elsewhere that would put a tax on data, including one that died in the Washington state Legislature in 2017. That measure would have taxed receipts from the sale of state residents' personal data at a rate of 3.3 percent.

Mahsau Dae of the Internet Association said the industry will look forward to reviewing the governor's eventual proposal but that "free and low-cost, data-driven online services offer Californians — and all Americans — enormous benefits."

Jeffrey Chester, executive director of the Center for Digital Democracy, said Newsom "is off to the wrong start" on protecting consumer privacy.

"They shouldn't be tricked into giving away their privacy for a small discount," he said in an email. "Selling it for a few bucks isn't the answer and will make the problem worse."

Dan Goldstein, president the digital marketing agency Page 1 Solutions, said a tax might not benefit con-

sumers, while some sort of profit-sharing plan would likely return a "pittance of a benefit" to individuals.

Facebook co-founder Chris Hughes last year suggested that users could band together to negotiate payments or a data tax could be administered, similar to a fund that annually shares oil profits with Alaska residents.

Consumer Federation of California executive director Richard Holober hailed the proposal while alluding to the vast financial divide between rich and poor, particularly in California, which is struggling to address homelessness and an affordable housing crisis. □



California Gov. Gavin Newsom poses for a selfie with Los Angeles area Democratic lawmakers, Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, left and her sister state Sen. Susan Rubio, right, after delivering his first State of the State address to a joint session of the legislature at the Capitol Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, in Sacramento, Calif.

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## FEMA head Brock Long, investigated over vehicle use, resigns



In this Sept. 15, 2017, file photo, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Brock Long delivers update on federal actions to support Hurricane Irma response in Washington. Long has resigned it was announced on Feb. 13, 2019. Associated Press

By COLLEEN LONG  
Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency resigned Wednesday after a two-year tenure in which he managed the response to historic wildfires and major hurricanes but was dogged by questions over his use of government vehicles. Brock Long said in a letter to FEMA employees that

he was resigning to spend more time at home with his family. His last day is March 8.

He did not mention the investigation by the agency's watchdog that found he had used government vehicles without authorization, costing taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said last fall that Long would repay the government and would not lose his job.

Nielsen said Long led the agency admirably. "I appreciate his tireless dedication to FEMA and his commitment to fostering a culture of preparedness across the nation," she said in a statement.

His deputy, Pete Gaynor, will become acting head of the agency. Word leaked of the internal probe in September, just as Hurricane Florence was landing in the Carolinas. Homeland Security officials said there had been a longstanding practice of FEMA administrators using government vehicles to ensure they could remain

connected during a crisis. But the use of government vehicles for home-to-work travel was not officially authorized, and that practice was eliminated in April.

The report by Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General also found Long used government vehicles for non-official reasons. It said this cost taxpayers \$94,000 in staff salary, \$55,000 in travel expenses and \$2,000 in vehicle maintenance.

The House Oversight Committee had also been looking into the allegations. Long said he accepted full responsibility for the unauthorized use of the vehicles.

He took over FEMA in June 2017, presiding over a particularly grueling hurricane season that included Irma, Harvey and Maria, plus wildfires in California that were the deadliest ever for the state. The response to Maria, which devastated Puerto Rico, has been heavily criticized, and Long has said FEMA learned lessons on how to better prepare. □

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## Judge finds Manafort lied to investigators in Russia probe

By CHAD DAY  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Paul Manafort intentionally lied to investigators and a federal grand jury in the special counsel's Russia probe, a judge ruled Wednesday. The ruling by U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson was another loss for the former Trump campaign chairman, who faces years in prison in two separate criminal cases stemming from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

It hurts Manafort's chance of receiving a reduced sentence, though Jackson said she would decide the exact impact during his sentencing next month.

The four-page order resolves a dispute that had provided new insight into how Mueller views Manafort's actions as part of his broader probe of Russian election interference and any possible coordination with associates of President Donald Trump. □



# Congress urged to fully open banks to marijuana industry

By MICHAEL R. BLOOD  
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Bank officials and others urged Congress on Wednesday to fully open the doors of the U.S. banking system to the legal marijuana industry, a change that supporters say would reduce crime risks and resolve a litany of challenges for cannabis companies, from paying taxes to getting a loan.

Most Americans live in states where marijuana is legally available in some form. But there's a problem when it comes to banks: Most don't want anything to do with money from the cannabis industry for fear it could expose them to legal trouble from the federal government, which still considers marijuana illegal. That conflict has left many growers and sellers in the burgeoning pot industry in a legal dilemma, shutting them out of everyday financial services like opening a bank account or obtaining a credit card. It also has forced many businesses to operate only in cash — sometimes vast amounts — making them ripe targets for crime.

Banking, government and industry representatives at a House committee hearing urged lawmakers to pass a proposal that would allow pot businesses to access loans, lines of credit and other banking services, while sheltering financial institutions from prosecution for handling pot money. California Treasurer Fiona Ma, whose state is home to the nation's largest legal pot market, called the measure a critical step for the rapidly expanding industry.

Gregory S. Deckard, who spoke on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America, said the cloud of legal uncertainty was inhibiting access to banks while creating safety hazards for businesses. The proposal, he said, "would offer the

needed clarity" for more financial institutions to welcome the marijuana industry as customers. But others had concerns. Republican Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer of Missouri said the proposal would create confusion while marijuana remains illegal at the federal level. He questioned how banks would identify criminal operators and pointed to how Congress handled hemp, the low-THC cousin of the cannabis plant, which was removed from the list of federally controlled substances. With the banking legislation, "we are putting the cart before the horse," he said. □



In this June 27, 2017 file photo, the proprietor of a medical marijuana dispensary prepares his monthly tax payment, over \$40,000 in cash, at his Los Angeles store.

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## States look to boost oversight of struggling small colleges

By LISA RATHKE and COLLIN BINKLEY

**POULTNEY, Vt. (AP)** — After 185 years of educating students on its campus of brick buildings on Poultney's main street, Green Mountain College announced last month it would close after this academic year, leaving hundreds of students scrambling to figure out where to go next. The liberal arts college, which saw enrollment drop 43 percent over the last decade, is going the way of some other small schools that have struggled to

stay afloat amid a shift toward more career-oriented training and, particularly in college-rich New England, a decline in the number of high school students. "I'm definitely just sad and disappointed," said Lauren Coye, an environmental studies major from Plaistow, New Hampshire. "I mean this community is so great and I fell in love with the campus as soon as I came here, and the farm and the goats and everyone in town, too." She and her friends thought they had another year and



In this Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019, photo, students walk on the campus of Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vt.

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a half together, she said. "Now it's only four months," she said. To help protect students, state officials in the region have been looking into increasing their oversight of private, independent colleges. The plans have met resistance from college leaders, who worry financial woes could be publicized before they are at serious risk of closing. In Massachusetts, where at least 17 colleges have closed or merged over the past six years, state education officials are moving forward with a plan to screen colleges every year and gauge their risk of closing. If the state concludes a school might not finish the next academic year, it would be required to notify students and prepare a

plan to help them transfer elsewhere. The state moved to intervene after the abrupt shutdown of Mount Ida College, which announced last April it would be closing just weeks later. The news blindsided students. In Vermont, officials took notice when Burlington College folded in 2016 under the weight of debt from a real estate deal, leaving student records behind. The state Agency of Education had to take over the records, which was costly, said Rep. Lawrence Cupoli, vice chairman of the House Committee on Education. The following year, the Legislature had the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges set up an agreement with its member schools to house

student records if a school went out of business. Vermont legislators last year considered requiring that a school placed on probation for financial reasons by its accrediting agency inform the state of its status and submit a plan for student records, setting money aside if necessary. That bill did not pass but lawmakers hope to take up similar language this session. "With the recent news about Green Mountain College and concern about what's happening around New England, it does seem appropriate for us to continue to look at a response," said Rep. Kathryn Webb, chair of the House Education Committee. The Massachusetts plan has drawn outrage from some college leaders. □



# Authorities say suspect in suitcase death is in U.S. illegally

By DAVE COLLINS  
Associated Press

A man accused of killing his ex-girlfriend and dumping her body in a suitcase in Connecticut is a citizen of Portugal who has been in the U.S. illegally for more than a year, federal authorities said Wednesday as the victim's loved ones gathered for her funeral.

Javier Da Silva Rojas, who had been living in New York City, was taken into custody Monday and charged with kidnapping resulting in death in the killing of 24-year-old Valerie Reyes, of New Rochelle, New York. The charge carries the possibility of the death penalty. Da Silva, also 24, entered the U.S. on May 8, 2017, through the Visa Waiver Program and was required to leave by Aug. 5, 2017, Immigration and Customs Enforcement said in a statement.

The agency on Wednesday filed a detainer for Da Silva, meaning he will be deported immediately after his criminal case is complete and any sentence is served.

Susanne Brody, a lawyer for Da Silva, declined to comment Wednesday.

The Visa Waiver Program allows citizens from 38 countries to travel to the U.S. for tourism or business for up to 90 days without a visa. Of the nearly 22.5 million people who entered the U.S. under the program and were supposed to leave in the 2017 fiscal year, about 131,000 remained in the

country illegally, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

Also Wednesday, family and friends of Reyes attended her funeral at St. Gabriel's Church in New Rochelle. They cried and hugged outside, with some wearing sweatshirts with her photo and wording saying, "In Loving Memory of our beautiful soul Valerie. You captured so many hearts."

"She was just silly and just a free soul, beautiful soul. She's going to be missed," her cousin, Desiree Rodriguez, said Wednesday. "We're devastated, but we're happy that the person was caught so she gets to go in peace. It kind of brings us a little more peace, too, to let her go."

Reyes was buried in a green casket adorned with flowers at a cemetery in nearby Rye, New York, as family and friends held white balloons. Reyes worked at a bookstore and aspired to become a tattoo artist, co-workers and friends said. She was last seen on Jan. 29 and relatives reported her missing the next day. Town workers in Greenwich, Connecticut, found her body in a suitcase in a wooded area on Feb. 5.

Investigators focused on Da Silva after police said he used Reyes' ATM card to withdraw cash multiple times after her death.

In a videotaped interview at the New Rochelle Police Department, Da Silva told investigators that Reyes fell to the floor and hit her



Pallbearers carry the casket of homicide victim Valerie Reyes into her funeral mass at St. Gabriel's Church in New Rochelle, N.Y. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019.

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head after they had sex on Jan. 29 at her home, federal authorities said. They said

he indicated he put packing tape over her mouth, bound her legs and hands,

and put her in a suitcase that he put in a forest after driving for some time. □

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## Budget defeat puts Spain's center-left government on ropes

By ARITZ PARRA  
Associated Press

**MADRID (AP)** — Catalan separatist and right-wing lawmakers in the Spanish parliament's lower house rejected Wednesday the ruling Socialist government's 2019 budget plan, likely paving the way for Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez to call an early election.

The 191-158 vote, with one abstention, opened a new crisis in Spanish politics. Members of Sanchez's Cabinet had signaled that a defeat in the budget vote would lead to a fresh general election.

The only other time a Spanish government lost a budget vote, in 1995, the Socialists were forced to dissolve the parliament and call an election.

The prime minister's office said Sanchez plans to announce his decision after the weekly Cabinet meeting Friday.

Opposition leader Pablo



Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez arrives at the Spanish parliament in Madrid, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019.

Associated Press

Casado, head of the conservative People's Party, said Wednesday's vote was "a de facto confidence vote against Pedro Sanchez."

Catalan deputies from pro-independence parties had demanded to open

talks on the northeastern region's self-determination in exchange for supporting Sanchez's spending proposal, but the center-left minority government rejected the demand.

The socialist party holds only 84 seats in the 350-seat

lower house. Its votes and those of the anti-austerity Podemos party weren't enough to counter a majority of center-right, conservative and smaller parties voting in favor of six blanket objections.

Sanchez became prime

minister in June when the Catalans joined the anti-austerity Podemos and other smaller parties in backing a no-confidence vote against his conservative predecessor, Mariano Rajoy.

Without parliamentary support, Sanchez's government can't pass significant legislation and would need to prolong Rajoy's 2018 spending plan. That leaves the center-left administration without funds for social policies that are key to retaining Podemos' support. Sanchez rushed out of the lower house's chamber shortly after the vote, dodging questions by reporters.

His finance minister, Maria Jesus Montero, said it made sense for Sanchez's term in office, which normally would end next year, to be shortened with the budget rejection — but that it was up to the prime minister himself to decide if and when to call an election early. □

## Bus plunges into ravine in North Macedonia, killing 14



A bus lays overturned at the crash site at village of Laskarci, west of Skopje, North Macedonia, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019.

Associated Press

**SKOPJE, North Macedonia (AP)** — A bus carrying workers in North Macedonia crashed into a ravine outside the capital of Skopje Wednesday, killing 14 people and injuring about 30, officials said.

Venko Filipce, the newly re-named European nation's health minister, said seven people were pronounced dead at the scene and the rest died after being taken to a hospital. Six of those injured had life-threatening conditions.

Prime Minister Zoran Zaev declared two days of national mourning.

The bus was carrying about 50 people when it veered off a highway linking Skopje with the western town of Tetovo and plunged 10 meters (30 feet) into a small ravine, landing upside down. The cause of the crash, about 25 kilometers (15 miles) west of Skopje, wasn't yet known.

Firefighters and residents of a nearby village rushed to the scene of the crash to help pull survivors, including

the driver, from the wreckage.

Witness Samet Musliu told private Telma TV that rescuers had to cut open the bus to reach the injured.

"There was a strong smell of gasoline and we were afraid the bus would explode," he said.

The bus had been carrying workers back from Skopje to the town of Gostivar, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) southwest of the capital, where most of them lived, said Gostivar Mayor Arben Taravari. □



# Egypt's Parliament to vote on extending president's term

By SAMY MAGDY

Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP)** — Egypt's Parliament began deliberations Wednesday over constitutional amendments that could allow President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi to stay in office till 2034 — 12 more years after his current, second term expires in 2022.

The development comes amid concerns that Egypt is slipping back into authoritarianism, eight years after a pro-democracy uprising ended autocratic President Hosni Mubarak's nearly three-decade rule. The amendments also boost the power of the military, already the dominant force in Egyptian politics. Lawmakers are expected to vote on Thursday, after which the text of the amendments would be finalized by a special legislative committee and sent back to the assembly for a final decision within two months.

The 596-seat assembly, which is packed with el-Sissi's supporters, already gave its preliminary approval to the changes last week. The amendments are almost certain to be overwhelmingly approved by the legislature, but will also need to be put to a national referendum to become law.

The referendum is likely to take place before the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which is expected to start in early May this year. Parliament Speaker Ali Abdel-Al opened Wednesday's session, telling lawmakers in the packed chamber that there will be a "national dialogue" and that "all opinions and trends will be included in the discussions."

Wednesday's parliament session was not broadcast on TV although by evening several videos emerged on social media showing lawmakers speaking for or against the amendments. Human Rights Watch said the amendments would undermine judicial independence and expand executive powers that are already being abused in Egypt.

"These amendments reinforce efforts of President el-Sissi's military-backed government to stifle people's ability to challenge those in power," said Michael Page of the New York-based group. "If the amendments are passed, there is a clear risk that they will formally give the armed forces unchecked authority."

The vote had initially been scheduled for next week, but was moved up. A coalition of nearly a dozen opposition parties has come out against the amendments, but on their own they will not be able to block them.

El-Sissi, who previously held the office of military chief, led the military's 2013 overthrow of the freely elected but divisive Islamist president, Mohammed Morsi, after protests against his rule. El-Sissi was elected president the following year and has since presided over an unprecedented crackdown on dissent. He was re-elected last year after all potentially serious challengers were jailed or pressured to exit the race. Along with extending a president's term in office from four to six years, the amendments include a special article that applies only to el-Sissi and allows him to run for two more six-year terms after his current term expires in 2022.

The amendments also envisage the office of one or two vice presidents, a revived Senate, and a 25 percent quota for women in parliament. They call for "adequate" representation for workers, farmers, young people and people with special needs in the legislature.

The president would have the power to appoint top

judges and bypass judiciary oversight in vetting draft legislation before it is voted into law. The amendments declare the country's military "guardian and protector" of the Egyptian state, democracy and the constitution, while also granting military courts wider jurisdiction in trying civilians. In the last three years, over 15,000 civilians, including children, have been referred to military prosecution in Egypt, according to Human Rights Watch. □



Egypt's Parliament meets to deliberate over constitutional amendments that could allow President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi to stay in office till 2034, in Cairo Egypt, Wednesday, Feb 13, 2019.

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## Valentine's Day Menu

February 14, 2019



### Chef's Amuse



### Appetizer

#### Red Beets Tartare

Served with bouquet of mesclun lettuce leaves, sundried tomato tapenade and a cashew basil pesto

#### Smoked Trout Crostini

Served with refreshing baby lettuce leaves and lemon garlic dip

#### Burrata Cheese

Similar to mozzarella but creamier from the inside.

Served with arugula, extra virgin olive oil, cherry tomato confit and garlic croutons.



### Main Course

#### Steak Oscar

5oz filet mignon, topped with a 4oz petit crab cake served with hollandaise sauce, grilled asparagus and mashed potatoes

#### Stuffed Corn Chips and Avocado

Grilled zucchini, crispy corn tortilla chip stuffed with sautéed garlic spinach, mushrooms and kidney beans, topped with avocado & mango salsa

#### Baked Seafood Casserole

Fish, shrimp, calamari, mussels and clams simmered in a creamy white wine sauce over al dente shell pasta straight out of the oven

#### Chicken Marsala

Thin sliced chicken sautéed in garlic butter with porcini mushrooms, served with wild rice, broccoli florets and marsala sauce



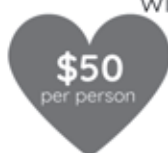
### Dessert

#### Red Velvet Trifle Dessert

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# Absent Iran takes center stage at Mideast talks in Poland

By MATTHEW LEE

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) —

Although it is absent from the stage, Iran is nevertheless taking the spotlight at a Middle East security conference co-hosted by the United States and Poland that has highlighted deep divisions between the U.S. and some of its traditional allies.

Amid uncertainty over its aims and questions about what it will deliver, the conference opens late Wednesday in Warsaw with some 60 nations in attendance. Yet, in an apparent test of U.S. influence and suspicions in Europe and elsewhere over the Trump administration's intentions in Iran, many countries aren't sending their top diplomats and will be represented at levels lower than their invited foreign ministers.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. Vice President Mike Pence attended along with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and his counterparts from numerous Arab nations. But France and Germany are not sending Cabinet-ranked officials, and European Union foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini is staying away.

Russia and China aren't participating, and the Palestinians, who have called for the meeting to be boycotted, also will be absent. Iran, which is this week celebrating the 40th anniversary of its Islamic Revolution, denounced the meeting as a "circus" aimed at "demonizing" it.

In a bid to encourage better participation, Pompeo and others sought to broaden what was initially advertised as an Iran-centric meeting to include the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the fight against the Islamic State group, and the conflicts in Syria and Yemen. That effort produced only mixed results, particularly with longtime European allies who are trying to save the 2015 Iran nuclear deal after last year's U.S. withdrawal.

And, while the agenda gives no hint of any con-



United States Vice President Mike Pence, Poland's President Andrzej Duda, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and United States Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, pose for a group photo at the Royal Castle in Warsaw, Poland, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019.

Associated Press

crete actions that might result beyond creating "follow-on working groups" on a variety of common concerns like terrorism and cybersecurity, comments from several participants belied the underlying theme: countering Iran.

Pence will address the conference on a range of Middle East issues, Pompeo will talk about U.S. plans in Syria following President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw U.S. troops and Trump's senior adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner and his peace partner, Jason Greenblatt, will speak about their as-yet unveiled Israeli-Palestinian peace plan.

Greenblatt, whose portfolio extends only the Israeli-Palestinian peace effort, said Iran is the top priority and derided the Palestinians for their boycott and insistence that their case is the region's most important issue.

In a series of tweets on Wednesday, Greenblatt said the Palestinian position "impedes nations from countering the common enemy of Iran."

"Iran is the primary threat to the future of regional peace/security," he said. "That's what Palestinian leaders don't grasp; as a consequence of being detached from new realities,

we see Palestinians increasingly left behind/more isolated than ever."

On his way to Warsaw Netanyahu made clear the conference is centered on Iran.

"It is a conference that unites the United States, Israel, many countries in the world, many countries in the region, Arab countries, against Iran's aggressive policy, its aggression, its desire to conquer the Middle East and destroy Israel," he told reporters.

Netanyahu sent out a beligerent rallying cry to his Arab partners, saying he planned to focus on the "common interest" of confronting Iran. He made the comments during an off-the-cuff interview with reporters on a Warsaw street, shortly after meeting Oman's foreign minister.

Although Netanyahu used the Hebrew word "milchama," or "war," in his comments, his office later changed its official translation and said he was referring to a "common interest of combatting Iran."

Pompeo has predicted that the conference will "deliver really good outcomes" and has played down the impact of lower-level participation. "We think we will make real progress," Pompeo said. He didn't, however, offer any details about

specific outcomes.

Polish Foreign Minister Jacek Czaputowicz, the conference co-host, also steered clear of describing potential results. And, even he could not paper over the differences between the U.S. and Europe, including Poland, over the Iran nuclear deal.

"We consider this to be a valuable element on the international arena," Czaputowicz told a joint news conference with Pompeo on the eve of the conference.

In a joint opinion piece published Wednesday by CNN, Pompeo and Czaputowicz said they didn't expect all participants to agree on policies or outcomes but called for an airing of unscripted and candid ideas. "We expect each nation to express opinions that reflect its own interests," they wrote. "Disagreements in one area should not prohibit unity in others."

In fact, three of Washington's main European allies, Britain, France and Germany, have unveiled a new financial mechanism that the Trump administration believes may be designed to evade U.S. sanctions on Iran. British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt is attending the Warsaw conference, but his main interest is in a side meeting on the

conflict in Yemen, according to diplomats familiar with the planning.

Analysts and former officials associated with the Obama administration that forged the nuclear deal as a signature foreign policy achievement questioned the value of the conference, particularly the signs of disunity it will present.

"The result of this conference ideally would be a demonstration of Iranian isolation and unity amongst American allies in Europe and the Middle East," said William Wechsler, senior adviser for Middle East programs at the Atlantic Council in Washington.

"It's another example of what we've seen of countries in Europe demonstrating — sometimes subtly and sometimes not — their differences with the American administration," he said. "If at the end of the day it looks like America is being isolated from its partners, then it's not as successful as you want it to be."

And Ned Price, President Barack Obama's former national security spokesman, said European nations downgraded their delegations because they believed the Trump administration was going to use the summit as an "anti-Iran pep rally."

"Time and again, this administration had found itself drunk on its own Kool-Aid, isolated from our friends, and belatedly forced to scramble to save face," Price said, adding that not a single country in the EU endorsed Trump's pullout from the Iran nuclear deal. The Trump administration has repeatedly denied allegations that it is seeking regime change in Iran. And yet, mixed messages continue to come from Washington.

Earlier this week, Trump's national security adviser John Bolton released a short video on the anniversary of the Iranian revolution in which he called Iran "the central banker of international terrorism" and accused it of pursuing nuclear weapons and missiles to deliver them. □





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# Thai party fighting for survival after princess's nomination

By KAWEEWIT KAEWJINDA  
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**BANGKOK (AP)** — The Thai political party that took the unprecedented and ultimately unsuccessful step of nominating a member of the royal family as its candidate for prime minister was fighting for its political life Wednesday, while the princess herself appeared to criticize the fallout.

The country's Election Commission said it recommended the Thai Raksa Chart Party be dissolved because its prime minister candidate was "in conflict with the system of rule of democracy with king as head of state." The recommendation was forwarded to the Constitutional Court, which said it would consider Thursday whether to accept the case.

The party on Feb. 8 named Princess Ubolratana Mahidol its candidate for prime minister for a general election next month. But her older brother, King Maha Vajiralongkorn, issued an edict just hours later saying it was inappropriate and unconstitutional.



Preechapol Pongpanich, leader of Thai Raksa Chart party, greets party officials and media in Bangkok, Thailand, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019.

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Ubolratana's bid was particularly notable because she allied herself with a party that is part of the political machine of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted in a 2006 military coup and is loathed by many royalists

and others in the country's traditional establishment. The whirlwind events have reignited longstanding political tensions in Thailand, which is still run by a military junta that seized power in a 2014 coup, ousting the government of Thaksin's

sister. Following the coup, the junta used strict laws against protests and political activity to keep the tension from bubbling to the surface.

Ubolratana, who is active on Instagram with more than 100,000 followers, late

Tuesday posted a message reflecting on the events.

"I am sorry that my honest intentions to help work for the country and all Thais have resulted in a problem that should not arise in this day and age. #howcomeitsthe way it is," said her message.

After the king overruled its candidate, Thai Raksa Chart avowed its fealty to the king and its acceptance of his order, but its opponents urged its dissolution.

Before the Election Commission made its recommendation, party leader Preechapol Pongpanich called for it to hear the party's defense.

"If they don't let us tell our side, it'd be as if we were tied by our hands and feet," he said. The party announced its legal team would submit a letter to the Constitutional Court.

The court is one of the most conservative institutions in Thailand and has consistently ruled in favor of the royalist point of view during political unrest over the past decade. □

# 25 Kashmir students injured by blast inside classroom

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**SRINAGAR, India (AP)** — At least 25 high school students were injured by an explosion in their classroom in Indian-controlled Kashmir on Wednesday, police and medics said.

The blast occurred in a 10th grade classroom in a school in the southern Kapora area, said senior police officer S.P. Pani. He said police are investigating the explosive and how it got into the classroom.

Medics at two hospitals said they treated at least

25 injured students, and that most have since been discharged. They said none had life-threatening injuries. "We heard a blast and we thought an electrical transformer blew up," school principal Javaid Ahmed told reporters. "Suddenly we saw students crying and calling out for help."

In the past, some civilians, mainly young boys, have died or been injured while playing with explosives found at the sites of gunbattles between rebels and Indian troops in the dis-

puted Himalayan region. India and Pakistan each claim Kashmir in its entirety. Rebels have been fighting against Indian control since 1989.

Most Kashmiris support rebel demands that the territory be united, either under Pakistani rule or as an independent country, while also participating in civilian street protests against Indian control.

About 70,000 people have been killed in the uprising and the ensuing Indian crackdown. □



A wounded student is brought on a stretcher for treatment at a hospital in Srinagar Indian controlled Kashmir, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019.

Associated Press



# Despite El Chapo arrest, powerful Sinaloa cartel marches on

By MARIA VERZA  
MARK STEVENSON

MEXICO CITY (AP) —

Mexico's powerful Sinaloa cartel marches on despite the arrest, extradition and now conviction in New York of its notorious leader, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, and the proof of this lies in huge, multi-drug shipments detected on the border in recent weeks.

Those heaping bags of fentanyl and plastic tubs of crystal meth, heroin and cocaine offer no sign that the cartel has been weakened, lost sway over its traditional territory in northwestern Mexico or seen its international reach curtailed by the loss of its notorious leader.

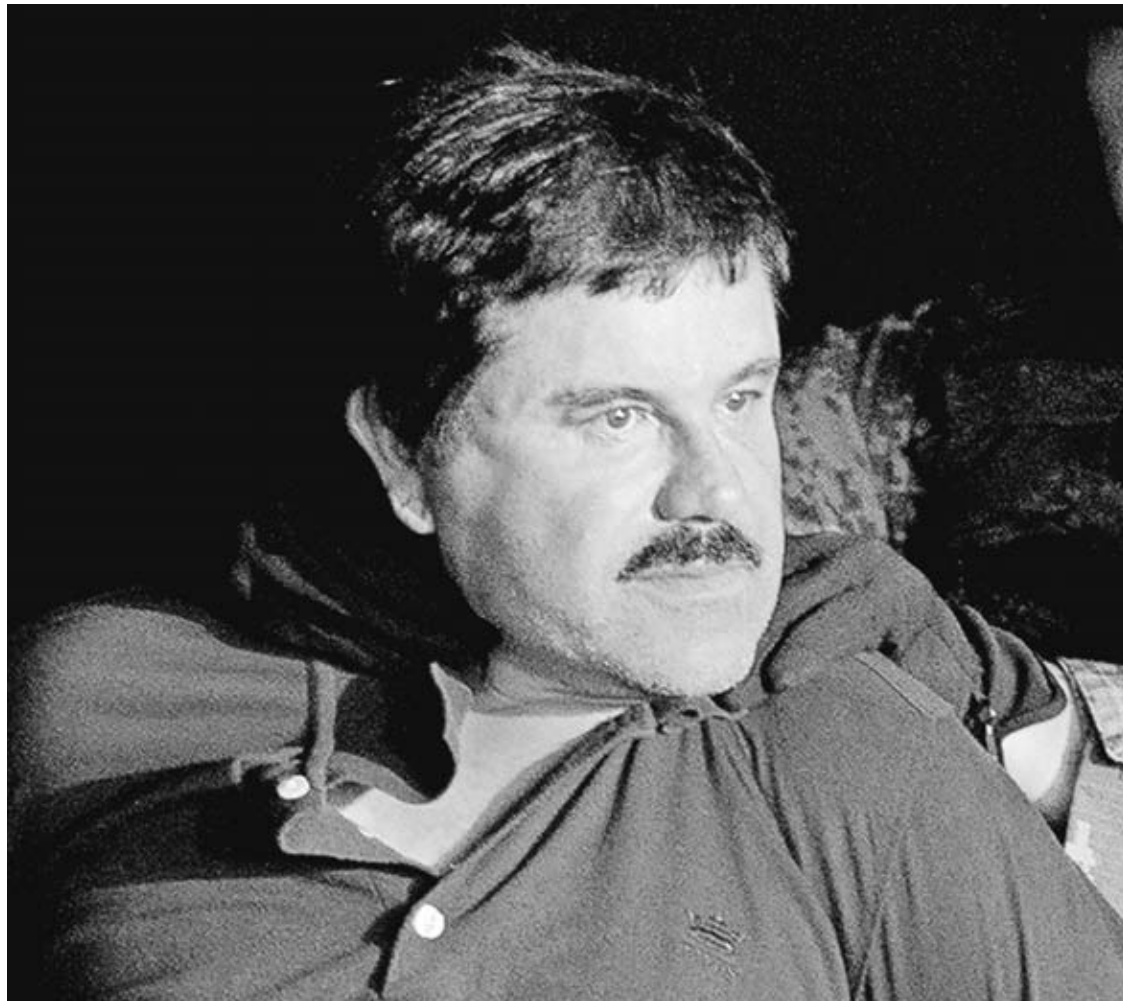
"It's still a major, major force in the Mexican criminal underworld," Mexican security analyst Alejandro Hope said.

The cartel still controls a worldwide web of contacts that can move Colombian cocaine to Cameroon and Mexican meth cooks to Malaysia. It also controls seaports to get drugs and precursor chemicals shipped in from around the globe; employs labs and chemists to process them; bribes corrupt cops to ensure the drugs can be moved to the border; has engineered multimillion-dollar tunnels to smuggle tons of marijuana and cocaine under the frontier; and pays "mules" to ferry shipments in cars and trucks.

That doesn't even count the armies of hitmen and enforcers who moonlight in extortion and kidnapping, plus the money launderers, front corporations and political contacts. There's also a world of professionals such as architects, jewelers and even musical groups, who provide entertainment and launder money.

Perhaps most important, Sinaloa continues to control what's referred to as the "last mile" in the United States, using its wholesale distribution network to get drugs into the hands of local gangs and street dealers.

"All 23 of our divisions have



In this Jan. 8, 2016 file photo, drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is made to face the media in Mexico City as he is escorted by Mexican soldiers following his recapture six months after escaping from a maximum security prison.

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an investigation at least at the local level that ties back to the Sinaloa cartel," said Will Glaspy, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent in charge of the Houston division who has held posts along the U.S.-Mexico border from California to Texas. "Their distribution network is that well established in the United States."

So at the cartel's stronghold in the mountains of Sinaloa state, it's business as usual for Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, who has helped run the cartel since it was founded over three decades ago. He has a reputation as a level-headed, old-style capo known more for negotiating than for bloodshed.

"El Mayo is still considered the main player at the table," Glaspy said.

A succession fight that broke out after Guzman's third detention, in 2016, was ultimately resolved by the arrest of Damaso Lopez Nunez and his son Damaso Lopez Serrano, who led a rival faction.

Today the cartel is seen as firmly under the command of Zambada in partnership with Guzman's sons Ivan, Archivaldo and Alfredo, known collectively as "los Chapitos," or "the little Chapos."

Ismael Bojorquez, director of the Riodoce newspaper in the Sinaloa state capital of Culiacan, said the Chapitos "control street-level drug dealing, especially in Culiacan, and the defense operations, the weapons," while "El Mayo takes care of the big deals."

Guzman, whose conviction Tuesday in New York likely means he will spend decades behind bars in the United States, is famous for twice pulling off brazen escapes from maximum-security prisons, earning him international notoriety perhaps rivaled only by the late Colombian drug kingpin Pablo Escobar. He is said to have a voracious appetite for luxury goods and women, marrying multiple times, including to an 18-year-old beauty queen in 2007.

Zambada has proven more elusive, simply by staying in his rural stronghold where the cartel holds sway.

If Guzman had done like Zambada "and just stayed up in the mountains, perhaps he would still be a free man," said Mike Vigil, former chief of international operations for the DEA. "His obsession with women created his downfall." Meanwhile, the new government that took charge Dec. 1 in Mexico says it is no longer in the business of hunting down drug lords.

"We haven't arrested capos, because that is not our main function," President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said Jan. 30. "The government's main function is to guarantee public safety, and the strategy is no longer to carry out raids to capture capos." He added, "Officially there isn't a war anymore."

Some in Mexico believe that authorities and even U.S. officials prefer the continued reign of a relatively stable, old-school boss like Zambada,

rather than the confusion and bloodshed that might break out if he were gone.

"El Mayo remains king. He has never been captured or pursued as much" as Guzman, said author Jose Reveles, who writes about the cartels.

The cartel is best understood as "more of a federation of different clans than as a corporate-like structure," Hope said.

So while the capture and trial of Guzman "was a great moral victory for the rule of law, it did very little to have a negative impact on the Sinaloa cartel," Vigil said.

During Guzman's absence, the cartel has continued to develop a highly lucrative profit-center in fentanyl. The synthetic opioid can be bought for \$9,000 per kilogram in China, cut to 1 percent purity, pressed into fake OxyContin pills and marketed in the United States for nearly pure profit. According to Ray Donovan, head of the DEA's New York office, Guzman was at the forefront of the fentanyl threat. As far back as the early 2010s, his cartel began spiking Mexican-produced heroin with fentanyl to boost its potency so it could compete with heroin from other regions, Donovan said.

But the cartel is not good at mixing and measuring, and the amount of fentanyl in counterfeit pills can vary from 0.03 to 1.99 milligrams per tablet — in other words, from almost none to a lethal dose.

That is probably one of the two biggest threats to the Sinaloa cartel: It's literally killing its customers.

The other is the upstart Jalisco New Generation cartel, which has tried to stage incursions into Sinaloa territory, sparking bloody turf battles in places like Tijuana. The border city across from San Diego has become one of the world's deadliest cities.

But, Bojorquez noted, Sinaloa has been largely able to fight off its rival.

"The drugs keep flowing," he said, "and the business goes on." □



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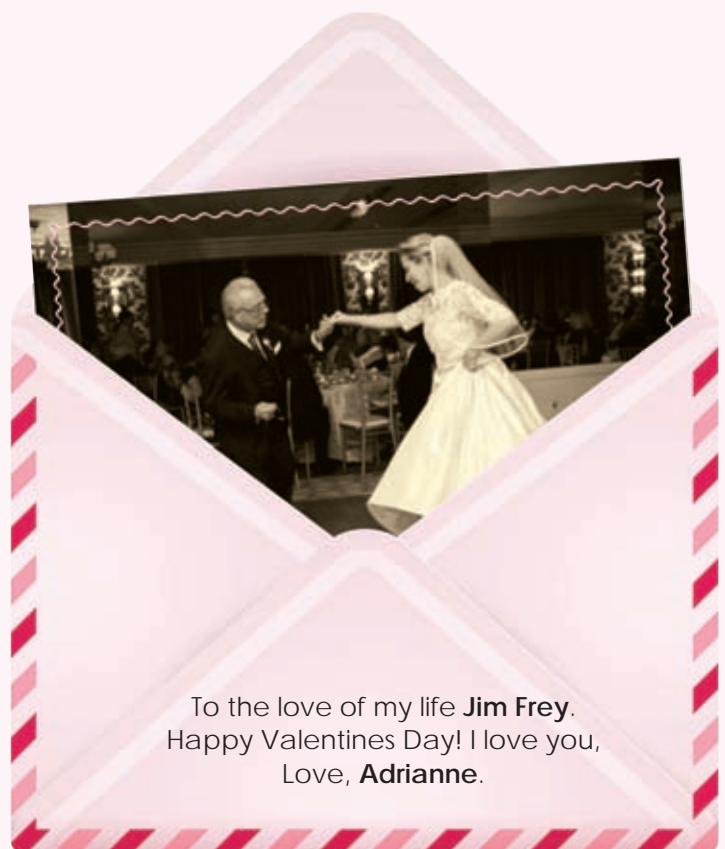


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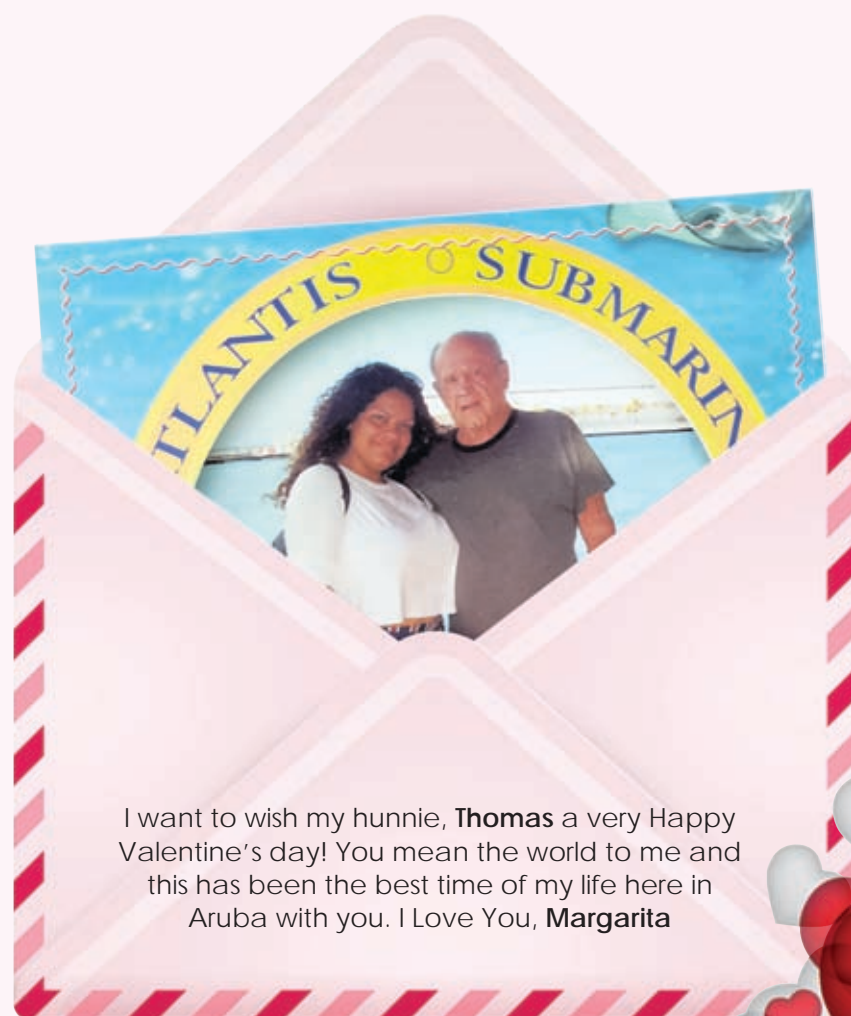
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# Student Affairs

By Louedska Maduro

## My Way Around

**ORANJESTAD** —It has already been a month that I have been studying at the University of South Carolina. A month filled with adventures, new experiences, stress (I mean, that is something we will experience everywhere we go, right?) and lots of homework!

As I mentioned previously, the campus is huge. Now that I have been here for over a month, I have managed to explore various parts of the campus. I can officially say that, I do not need to use Google Maps anymore to find my way around campus every time I leave my dorm. The method of teaching is a bit different here compared back home at the University of Aruba. Back home, we get a lot assignments that consists of doing research and writing long papers. However, the classes that I am currently following at the University of South Carolina, focus more on giving students written exams and quizzes. Furthermore, the classes that I follow back home are more interactive compared to the ones here. At the UA, students get more time and opportunities to engage in discussions over the material with their classmates and the lecturer. I am guessing that it is because, the classes here have more students than the ones at the University of Aruba. In regard to the method of teaching, I actually prefer the method where students get the opportunity of doing a research and then writing a paper to present their results on the research. This method of teaching has



actually given me the opportunity to do one of my favorite research, which focused on the quality and ethical standards of journalism in Aruba.

Lately, I have been trying to do as much as possible to experience Columbia and engaging in more activities. I have made a few friends here who were generous enough to show me around different places in Columbia. I have recently visited the South Carolina Statehouse with my friends and luckily for me, one of my friends knew a lot of history and details about the South Carolina Statehouse. Another attraction that I have visited, was the Columbia Museum of Arts. The museum has a diverse collection of art. The galleries in the museum focus on different themes such as art and identity, modern impulses, spiritual beings and many more.

During the week, I also went to my first basketball game here, which was Gamecocks vs. Auburn. Gamecocks defeated Auburn.

Everyone in the crowd was cheering and supporting the Gamecocks. The game was very intense, and the crowd was awesome!

One of my favorite things to do in Columbia is going to the Soda City Market, which takes place on every Saturday morning. The Soda City Market is centered around vendors from different cultures. It is a street market where you will encounter various vendors that focus on food, art, crafts and jewelry. Everyone can find something of their liking at the Soda City Market. I also love the fact that people bring their dogs to the market. The ambience is great, and you can meet a bunch of new people there. Or at least I did, because I had the tendency to pet almost every dog that I have encountered while being there. The Soda City Market also reminds me a lot about the Carubbian Festival in Aruba. Except here, they do not have the carnival ambience like back home.

This past weekend, I have decided to take

a trip to Greenville with the international student services. Greenville was beautiful. We spend most of our time in the downtown area and also visited the beautiful Falls Park on the Reedy. At the Falls Park on the Reedy, you can walk on the bridge and get an amazing view of a waterfall. Visitors can also spend a day with their family in the park and enjoy the wonderful view. In the downtown area of Greenville, there are many shops where you can grab a bite, especially if you are a big fan of desserts! I definitely recommend going to Greenville for the day.

There are still many places I would like to visit and things I would like to do in South Carolina. I am hoping that in these upcoming weeks and months I would be able to do as much as I would like. Especially outdoors activities, such as hiking. I am definitely looking forward to my next trip, which will be the Congaree National Park. I look forward to sharing all my adventures and experiences with you. □



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# SPORTS



Sergio Garcia, of Spain, stands on the first green in the rain in the Pro-Am round of the Genesis Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019.

Associated Press

## Garcia apologizes, wants to be 'best behaved' in golf

By DOUG FERGUSON  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sergio Garcia apologized in a statement and in person to the players in his group when he damaged five greens at the Saudi International. He apologized in a social media post and in an interview at his locker Wednesday at Riviera. That has been the easy part. He has had plenty of experience over the years. Garcia said the challenge now is to make sure it does not happen again, knowing that the scrutiny of his behavior will be greater than ever. "I'm sure I'm going to hear it throughout the year," Garcia told The Associated Press in his first interview since he was disqualified Feb. 2 for the damage he did to five greens out of frustration early in the third round.

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# ROUGH KNIGHTS



## Arizona hands Vegas fourth straight home loss in 5-2 win

Arizona Coyotes goaltender Darcy Kuemper (35) grabs a puck out of the air beside Vegas Golden Knights left wing Max Pacioretty (67) during the first period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, in Las Vegas.

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# AP Source: Broncos to acquire Joe Flacco from Ravens

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

**ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)** —

Joe Flacco has gone from Denver Broncos tormentor to savior.

The Baltimore Ravens have agreed to trade the veteran quarterback to the Broncos in exchange for a fourth-round pick in this year's NFL draft, a person with knowledge of the agreement told The Associated Press.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Wednesday because neither team announced the deal, which was first reported by ESPN. NFL rules prohibit teams from discussing trades until the start of the league year on March 13.

Flacco, the MVP of the 2013 Super Bowl following a miraculous win at top-seeded Denver, became expendable in Baltimore with the emergence of rookie Lamar Jackson, the former Louisville star who led the Ravens into the playoffs after Flacco got hurt.

The Broncos again needed an upgrade at QB after Case Keenum's middling debut in Denver, where a 6-10 finish led general manager John Elway to turn to Vic Fangio, his fourth head coach in six seasons.

Now, he's landed his seventh quarterback since Peyton Manning's tearful retirement following Denver's win in Super Bowl 50.

The others all bombed: draft picks Brock Osweiler, Trevor

Siemian, Paxton Lynch and Chad Kelly, trade acquisition Mark Sanchez and Keenum, who threw for 18 TDs and a career-high 15 interceptions last season to go with a career-high 34 sacks.

Flacco has three years and \$63 million left on his contract with a salary of \$18.5 million next season, which is 10th-highest in the NFL at his position. His cap hit of that same amount is 21st among quarterbacks in the league.

The Broncos could trade Keenum and save \$18 million next season. Releasing him would produce \$11 million in savings but cost them \$7 million. Keenum signed a two-year, \$36 million deal in Denver last season with \$25 million guaranteed.

Either way, Elway's deal for Flacco continues his build-but-don't-rebuild ethos. The Broncos have a solid core of young stars and a still superior defense led by Von Miller and Chris Harris Jr. that Elway believes can keep up with the Chargers and Chiefs in the AFC West with the right quarterback leading the way.

They wanted a proven veteran such as Flacco or Nick Foles, another Super Bowl MVP.

At 34, Flacco is four years older than Foles but he's been durable, starting all 16 games in nine of his 11 NFL seasons. The other years he started nine and 10 games. Foles has started more than



In this Feb. 13, 2013 file photo, Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco (5) holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy after defeating the San Francisco 49ers 34-31 in the NFL Super Bowl XLVII football game in New Orleans.

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eight games just twice in his seven NFL seasons.

Fangio also knows Flacco well, having served on Baltimore's coaching staff during the quarterback's first two seasons there.

Facilitating the deal for Flacco was the extra fourth-round pick Elway had at his disposal from the Demaryius Thomas trade to Houston last fall.

In Flacco, the Broncos are turning to a quarterback who broke their hearts six years ago.

Denver was the top seed after going 13-3 in Manning's first season in Denver and the Broncos took an

11-game winning streak into their divisional round playoff game against Baltimore.

In the waning seconds of regulation, Flacco connected with Jacoby Jones on a 70-yard touchdown pass to force overtime in a game the Ravens won 38-35 in double overtime. Safety Rahim Moore went for the interception instead of the tackle and mistimed his leap, allowing Jones to catch the ball at the 20-yard line and trot into the end zone with the tying touchdown.

Flacco, who turned 34 last month, has played all 11

of his seasons with the Ravens after being selected 18th overall in the 2008 NFL draft. He started immediately as a rookie and was Super Bowl MVP after the 2012 season, guiding the Ravens to a victory over San Francisco in the championship game during a playoff run that included that "Mile High Miracle" in Denver. Flacco was the starter last season until he injured his right hip in a loss to Pittsburgh on Nov. 4. The Ravens had a bye the following week, and Jackson took over for the still-ailing Flacco on Nov. 18 against Cincinnati. □

## Combined and parallel put on program for next ski worlds

**ARE, Sweden (AP)** — Mikaela Shiffrin will be able to choose her program from seven events at the next world championships.

The International Ski Federation says it is adding an individual parallel event for the 2021 worlds in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, and will keep the Alpine combined on the program.

There had been concern that the combined, Alpine

skiing's original Olympic event introduced at the 1936 Games, would be eliminated.

FIS says in a statement that it will analyze "media viewing statistics and on-site spectators" for both events in order to decide the future program.

So in Cortina, there will be the four historic disciplines of slalom, giant slalom, super-G and downhill, plus

combined and parallel, and a team event.

Shiffrin, the American who is on course for a third overall World Cup title, won the super-G at this year's worlds and then sat out the other events to prepare for the upcoming giant slalom and slalom.

The winner of combined races are determined by adding the times from one downhill run and one



United States' Mikaela Shiffrin, center, shows her gold medal of the women's super-G, flanked by silver medalist Italy's Sofia Goggia, left, and bronze medal's Switzerland's Corinne Suter, at the alpine ski World Championships in Are, Sweden, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019.

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slalom leg, while parallel head-to-head on courses events involve skiers going next to each other. □



# Bruins snap Blackhawks' 7-game win streak

By The Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — David Krejci, Danton Heinen and Brad Marchand each scored during a four-minute span at the end of the first period and the Boston Bruins beat the Blackhawks 6-3 on Tuesday night to snap Chicago's seven-game winning streak.

Krejci scored again in the third period, when Marchand picked up his third assist, to help the Bruins win for the fifth time in six games. Jake DeBrusk and Heinen each had a goal and two assists, and Tuukka Rask stopped 23 shots for Boston. Peter Cehlarik also scored for Boston, and Patrice Bergeron had a pair of assists.

Collin Delia made 31 saves, and Alex DeBrincat and Duncan Keith scored for Chicago, which hadn't lost since Jan. 17. Patrick Kane had an assist for the 14th straight game, tying Stan Mikita for the longest assist streak in the history of the Original Six franchise.

The Bruins have not lost in regulation in eight games.

**COYOTES 5, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Nick Cousins scored his first game-winning goal of the season and Darcy Kuemper made 41 saves to lead Arizona.

The Coyotes snapped an 0-3-1 slide on the road, while handing Vegas its fourth consecutive home loss, the second time in franchise history it's lost four straight at T-Mobile Arena. Jordan Oesterle, Alex Galchenyuk, Josh Archibald and Richard Panik also scored for Arizona.

Brandon Pirri and Nate Schmidt scored for Vegas, which is now 16-8-3 at home and has lost six of eight. Marc-Andre Fleury, who made his league-leading 50th start of the season, made 21 saves.

**STARS 3, PANTHERS 0**

**SUNRISE, Fla. (AP)** — Anton Khudobin recorded his second shutout of the season and Tyler Seguin had two goals and an assist as Dallas topped Florida.

Esa Lindell also scored, and



Boston Bruins' Brad Marchand (63) tries to get a shot on Chicago Blackhawks' Collin Delia (60) during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Boston, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019.

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Alexander Radulov had two assists for Dallas, which snapped a two-game losing streak and won for the sixth time in eight games.

With Stars goalie Ben Bishop out, Khudobin made his third consecutive start, stopping 30 shots and winning for just the second time in six starts. It was the eighth shutout of Khudobin's career.

Roberto Luongo recorded 16 saves for Florida, which lost its second straight, both at home at the start of a seven-game homestand. The Panthers were shut out for the first time this season — the last team in the NHL to be blanked.

**LIGHTNING 6, FLAMES 3**

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — NHL points leader Nikita Kucherov had a goal and three assists, Brayden Point added a goal and two assists, and Tampa Bay doubled up Calgary.

Kucherov has 88 points, including seven over his last two games. Kucherov and Point (72) are the second pair of Tampa Bay teammates to reach 70 points in 57 team games. Martin St. Louis and Vincent Lecavalier did it in 2006-07.

Cedric Paquette, Anthony Cirelli, Yanni Gourde and Steven Stamkos also scored for the NHL-leading Lightning, who are 5-0-2 over the last seven games.

Andrei Vasilevskiy made 19

saves.

Calgary, 1-3-1 in its last five games, got two goals from Sean Monahan. Mark Giordano had the other Flames goal, and David Rittich stopped 21 shots.

**SABRES 3, ISLANDERS 1**

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** — Jack Eichel set up two goals in leading Buffalo to a win over Metropolitan Division-leading New York.

Jason Pominville scored the go-ahead goal 6:49 into the second period. Jeff Skinner scored off a faceoff draw won by Eichel, and Johan Larsson sealed the victory with 2:25 left. Linus Ullmark stopped 24 shots to improve to 3-0-1 in his past four starts.

The Sabres improved to 3-2-1 six games into a seven-game homestand. Overall, Buffalo improved to 28-21-7 and picked up its 63rd point, one more than last season.

Casey Cizikas scored for the Islanders, who had a three-game winning streak snapped and lost in regulation for just the second time in 13 games (9-2-2). Robin Lehner stopped 19 shots in dropping to 13-3-1 in his past 17 starts.

**BLUE JACKETS 3, CAPITALS 0**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** — Sergei Bobrovsky made 13 of his 20 saves in the third period to lift Columbus over Washington.

Anthony Duclair, Nick Fo-

ligno and Artemi Panarin scored for the Blue Jackets, who won their fourth straight and remained in third place in the Metropolitan Division, two points behind Washington.

Bobrovsky recorded his 27th career shutout.

Braden Holtby had 29 saves and held off the Blue Jackets on four power plays with a few close calls.

**HURRICANES 4, SENATORS 1**

**OTTAWA, Ontario (AP)** — Teuvo Teravainen scored twice and Carolina scored four unanswered goals in the third period to beat Ottawa.

Micheal Ferland and Justin Williams also scored for the Hurricanes, who wrapped up a season-long five game trip. Curtis McElhinney made 25 saves.

Mark Stone scored for the Senators, who had their two-game winning streak snapped. Anders Nilsson made his third straight start and stopped 33 shots.

**RED WINGS 3, PREDATORS 2**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Andreas Athanasiou scored at 4:08 of the third period, and struggling Detroit beat Nashville to snap a three-game skid.

Luke Glendening had a goal and an assist, Nick Jensen had two assists and Dylan Larkin also had a goal for Detroit. Goalie Jimmy Howard made 32 saves for the win.

Viktor Arvidsson and P.K. Subban scored for Nashville, which has lost three straight for its longest skid since losing four straight between Dec. 17-22. Ryan Johansen and Filip Forsberg had two assists apiece.

**BLUES 8, DEVILS 3**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Alex Pietrangelo and Ivan Barbashev each scored twice and St. Louis won its seventh straight game.

Jaden Schwartz, Ryan O'Reilly, Mackenzie MacEachern and Tyler Bozak also scored for the Blues, whose eight goals were a season high. St. Louis' winning streak is its longest since Jan. 17-Feb. 5, 2015, when it also had seven consecutive victories.

Rookie Jordan Binnington made 20 saves to win his sixth straight start, becoming the second goalie in Blues history with a winning streak of at least six games. Brent Johnson twice won seven in a row in 2000 and 2001.

Pavel Zacha, Kyle Palmieri and Mirco Mueller scored for the Devils, who have lost 10 straight to St. Louis.

St. Louis' Vladimir Tarasenko had two assists, extending his point streak to a career-high nine games (seven goals, seven assists).

Keith Kinkaid allowed all eight St. Louis goals, a career high, on 39 shots, and fell to 0-4-1 against the Blues.

**JETS 4, RANGERS 3**

**WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)** — Mark Scheifele had two goals and an assist as Winnipeg edged New York.

Jets defenseman Joe Morrow recorded his first goal of the season and Andrew Copp also scored for Winnipeg.

Mika Zibanejad scored twice and Pavel Buchnevich had the other goal for the Rangers. Mats Zuccarello added two assists.

Connor Hellebuyck made 34 saves for the Jets, who have at least a point in their past nine home games (8-0-1).

Henrik Lundqvist stopped 32 shots for the Rangers (24-24-8), who dropped the first of a four-game road trip. □





U.S. goaltender Alex Rigsby (33) makes a save next to Canada forward Ann-Sophie Bettez (39) during the second period of a Rivalry Series hockey game in London, Ontario, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019.

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## Rigsby makes 33 saves, U.S. women shut out Canada

**LONDON, Ontario (AP)** — In a defensive battle, Hilary Knight was in the right place at the right time.

Alex Rigsby made 33 saves and Knight scored as the United States earned a 1-0 victory over Canada on Tuesday night in the opener of a three-game series between the rivals. Knight poked a rebound behind goalie Emerance Maschmeyer with 1:40 left in the second period to quiet the announced crowd of 9,036 at Budweiser Gardens.

"We had a lot of girls skating in front of the net, so it was literally a puck that just bounced in my direction," Knight said, "but obviously all the work was done on the front end in order for me to get that opportunity." The Americans have beaten the Canadian women eight of the past 10 times at major tournaments. Of those 10 games, there was a difference of more than two goals only twice. Six of the games were decided in overtime or a shootout.

"We said our approach to this series is we're going to use it to help us get better for the world champion-

ships," Canadian coach Perry Pearn said.

Canada had the better opportunities in the first period. The closest the Canadians came to scoring was when Blayre Turnbull sneaked behind the defense and cut in on Rigsby from the right face-off circle. Rigsby made a sprawling save.

Tempers flared in front of the Canadian net as time was running out in the first. The result was minor penalties to both teams, leaving them to close out the period playing 4-on-4.

The Americans continued their strong defense in the third period as Canada was relentless in pursuit of the tying goal. Rigsby was solid throughout.

Pearn said consistency was an issue for his squad.

"The first 15 minutes of the first period and I thought probably the last 12 minutes of the third period we kind of had them on their heels," he said. "Unfortunately we had a bit of a bad shift, the second-to-last shift of the game ... but other than that I thought we had the best of the play and controlled the opportunities." □



Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani talks to the media at their spring baseball training facility in Tempe, Ariz., Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019. The AL Rookie of the Year is recovering from Tommy John surgery.

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## Ohtani has no regrets hitting through year, delaying surgery

By JANIE McCAULEY, AP Baseball Writer

**TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)** — Shohei Ohtani tossed his water bottle toward a clubhouse garbage can and missed, instead landing it in a laundry bin. He laughed out loud, smiled big as he so often does, then retrieved the trash and put it in the proper place.

That's about as close to throwing as the Japanese two-way star is right now.

Ohtani wouldn't change how he handled his elbow injury late last year, continuing to hit for the Angels until season's end even if it meant delaying reconstructive surgery and his ability to pitch again until 2020.

"I have no regrets about what happened last year. That's what the team thought about me, the plan," Ohtani said through interpreter Ippei Mizuhara. "In the end it didn't work out but I still have no regrets."

The reigning AL Rookie of the Year is recovering from an Oct. 1 Tommy John surgery with the hope he will be able to bat in the Los Angeles lineup as early as May if all stays on schedule. "There's a lot of variables. That's the goal I'm shooting for but there might be

some setbacks here and there," Ohtani said. "If not, that's what I'm trying to go for."

At Tempe Diablo Stadium, the scene Wednesday was a far cry from a year ago when Ohtani showed up at spring training with fanfare and faced a huge media contingent following his every move. For now, the two-way star isn't even on the field as he works out inside.

Even the second time around, "I feel just as nervous as last year, my first year."

Ohtani acknowledged that's partly because he's behind schedule with the extensive rehab and will have to "catch up to everybody."

"It's going to be a slow process," new manager Brad Ausmus said ahead of his club's first on-field session for pitchers and catchers. "He gets his workouts in. Right now he'll be mostly inside. We need to protect this guy long term, so we're hoping for May but if it goes longer it goes longer."

The 24-year-old Ohtani spent time back home in Japan this offseason working through his rehabilitation, which right now includes dry swings only in

terms of his hitting preparation.

Ohtani said everything is going smoothly at this stage.

"So far there's nothing in my elbow, I don't feel anything there. It's been great," he said. "I just need to watch my effort level, try to keep it down and listen to the trainers."

Ohtani went 4-2 with a 3.31 ERA in 10 starts as a pitcher. He played 104 games overall as a rookie, hitting .285 with 22 homers and 61 RBIs. While the Angels can't wait to get Ohtani healthy to hit, they won't rush him. He and Albert Pujols are expected to share designated hitter duties, with Pujols playing first on days Ohtani hits — that is, if Pujols is physically fine and performing, otherwise Justin Bour becomes an option. The free agent first baseman signed a \$2.5 million, one-year deal in December.

"That's why we're saying we're going to be extremely cautious because we don't want the fact that he might be able to DH affect him being able to pitch in 2020," Ausmus said of Ohtani.

Ohtani has accepted this year will be about what he can do behind the plate. □



# Hayward leads Celtics to 3rd straight win over 76ers

**PHILADELPHIA** – Gordon Hayward scored 26 points, including a go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:50 remaining, and the Boston Celtics beat the Philadelphia 76ers 112-109 on Tuesday night.

Al Horford had 23 points and Jayson Tatum scored 20 and grabbed 10 rebounds to help the Celtics continued their dominance over the Sixers.

Playing without All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving, who sprained his right knee Saturday night, the Celtics beat Philadelphia for the third straight meeting this season after defeating Philadelphia in five games in the Eastern Conference semifinals last season.

Joel Embiid had 23 points and 14 rebounds and Jimmy Butler scored 22 for Philadelphia.

Butler couldn't get a desperation 3 off in time before the buzzer sounded as



Boston Celtics' Gordon Hayward (20) shoots against Philadelphia 76ers' Joel Embiid (21) during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, in Philadelphia. Boston won 112-109.

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the Sixers dropped their first game in three since acquiring Tobias Harris in a flurry of moves last week.

## Warriors 115, Jazz 108

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – Stephen Curry overcame a sluggish night shooting and made a pair of pivotal 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, Kevin Durant had 28 points and seven assists, and the Warriors rallied from behind for the third consecutive game and beat the Jazz. Curry had 24 points on 8 of 19 shooting. The two-time MVP missed his first five shots beyond the arc and finished 5 of 14 on 3s.

Klay Thompson scored 22 and DeMarcus Cousins added 12 points and 10 rebounds to help Golden State to its fourth straight win and 16th in 17.

Donovan Mitchell had 25 points and seven rebounds for Utah. Rudy Gobert added 13 points and 16 re-

bounds. Gobert's double-double is his 46th of the season.

The Warriors came back from 17 down to beat Phoenix on Friday and were down 19 to Miami on Sunday before winning. Both of those deficits were at halftime.

This time Golden State fell behind 91-84 early in the fourth before going on a 21-4 run.

## Hawks 117, Lakers 113

**ATLANTA** – Rookie Trae Young had 22 points and 14 assists, John Collins also scored 22 points despite foul trouble, and Atlanta beat Los Angeles.

The Hawks snapped a three-game losing streak despite a triple-double from LeBron James, who had 28 points, 16 assists and 11 rebounds.

The Hawks scored just seven points in the final 6:33 but managed to hold on. □

## GARCIA

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"My job is to make sure I deal with it the best way possible, and show them that I can grow, that I can move forward and I can be who I am in the right way," he said. "I want to face my mistakes head on. My job is to go out there and enjoy my game and show everyone that no matter what, I can be the best behaved guy in the classroom. ... I just hope I can maintain their respect."

The Genesis Open is his first event since he lost his head early in the third round at the Saudi International, which he attributed to a personal issue that put him in a bad frame of mind at the start of the week and greens at Royal Greens in Saudi Arabia that were new, grainy and slow.

He did not disclose the personal matter and said it was no excuse, and that he knew immediately he had done wrong.

"It hit me like on the 10th hole. I started thinking: 'What am I doing? Get your head back on top of your shoulders,'" Garcia said. "I know I lost it."

The 39-year-old Spaniard has put his emotions on

full display since he turned pro in 1999 at age 19, challenged Tiger Woods in the 1999 PGA Championship at Medinah and played in the first of nine Ryder Cups.

There was great passion when he won the Masters in 2017 for his first major. But the explosive, petulant variety has been seen far more often over the years, whether it was kicking a shoe that nearly struck an official at Wentworth in 2000, blaming a European Tour rules official for a two-shot penalty in Australia or accusing Woods of disturbing the gallery at the TPC Sawgrass, a rift that ended with Garcia making a racially insensitive comment about him.

Damaging greens in the middle of a round, which affected the players behind him, caught even his friends by surprise.

"We always think he gets over it, but there's no doubt he's out of line behaving like that," said Adam Scott, one of his closest friends in golf. "He said he needs to understand his emotions and channel that in a better way. I'm not a psychologist and don't know how to do that, but I think it's a good thing for him. The



Sergio Garcia, of Spain, drives on the second tee in the rain in the Pro-Am round of the Genesis Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019.

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game can get the better of us at times. It seems to get the better of him more than some others."

Garcia's disqualification — the European Tour said he would not be suspended — ended a streak of seven straight top 10s worldwide, which began when he was picked for the Ryder Cup in France. He went 3-1-0 for the week at Le Golf National.

His game was in good shape. Now he has a reputation to mend.

"I feel terrible about it," Garcia said. "I've been thinking

about it for the last week, every day. I'm an emotional player. That emotion is probably my biggest strength, but it's also one of my biggest flaws. If I channel it the right way, it's amazing. I think that's why people follow me the way they do. If I channel it the wrong way, it's too extreme. My goal is make sure the bad gets better and the good stays."

Rory McIlroy, another of his close friends, says being Spanish and full of emotion was "no excuse" for what Garcia did in Saudi Arabia.

"It doesn't matter where you're from. It's not acceptable," McIlroy said. "If you've got stuff bothering you, let the course be your sanctuary. I've had to deal with that in the past."

Some of the strongest comments came from three-time major champion Brooks Koepka, who said on "Playing Through Podcast" that the Saudi incident was "Sergio acting like a child."

"You're 40 years old, so you've got to grow up eventually," Koepka said.

Garcia pondered what he would say to Koepka when he sees him next week in the Mexico Championship.

"I'm going to tell him I agree," Garcia said. "I'm the first one to say that I was wrong. I agree with what he said. That's why we're here, to get better, to grow up and become better people."

He paused and smiled before adding: "But I don't agree with the age. He got my age wrong. I'm 39, not 40. So I have a year to improve," Garcia said. "But when I see him, I'll tell him I agree, and I'm sorry for what happened. And I understand why he would say that." □



# New athletes group formed to tackle doping in sports

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

An Olympic gold medalist and a former executive at the World Anti-Doping Agency are forming an organization designed to give athletes a stronger voice in the fight against doping and the powers that police it.

The group, called Global Athlete, is being organized by British cyclist Callum Skinner. Rob Koehler, who quit his post as deputy director general at WADA last year, will be the group's director general.

Athletes have spoken out in large numbers to protest what they perceive as lax treatment of Russia by the International Olympic Committee and WADA in the wake of the country's doping scandal. Many have felt insulted by the response to their concerns, which were often portrayed as politically motivated by Western ideals. "What we can all agree on was the way the ... athlete voices were treated by WADA and the IOC was well below par," Skinner said. "It's not that everyone



At left, in an Aug. 14, 2016, file photo, silver medalist Callum Skinner smiles during the podium ceremony for the men's cycling sprint final at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. At right, in a Feb. 28, 2017, file photo, then-World Anti-Doping Agency Deputy Director General Rob Koehler testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington.

is saying Russia shouldn't be back in some form. We are where we are. But let's try to change the system, so it's a fairer situation going forward."

The nonprofit group FairSport and individual donors will provide funding for the new group, and Koehler said sports, governments and anti-doping groups will

have no say over Global Athlete's decision-making. Koehler said the group won't be focused only on doping issues — sex abuse and the environment are two other causes that have led to athlete movements of late — though clearly the Russian doping crisis has served as a wake-up call.

"The whole idea of dissenting voices being cast off and not being listened to, or being portrayed as uninformed and not seeing the big picture, doesn't fly," Koehler said. "The athletes we talk to get the big picture. They want to grow sport together with sporting leaders."

While Koehler said the

group will reach out to the IOC and WADA, the athletes involved in the group — more names will trickle out later this week — have to ultimately decide the best way to push for change. Skinner said he'd like to collaborate with athletes committees at WADA and the IOC, but is also aware of their limitations.

"We're not looking to discredit the athletes committees," he said.

But there's definitely a gap in terms of their ability to represent the entire body of athletes."

IOC athletes commission chair Kirsty Coventry said "it's disappointing that this group seems to believe that none of us care about athletes," and that she didn't believe athletes should differentiate themselves as West vs. East or rich vs. poor. She said representatives on the commission are democratically elected by peers from 206 countries.

WADA responded by reiterating a series of governance reforms designed to increase athlete representation on its board. □

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# Heavyweight champ Joshua to make U.S. debut against Miller

**LONDON (AP)** — The Anthony Joshua roadshow is finally heading to the United States. Not to fight the only other heavyweight champion, though.

The four-title champion will make his American boxing debut when he defends his WBA, IBF, WBO and IBO belts against Jarrell Miller at Madison Square Garden on June 1.

"I plan to embrace the culture and leave with an appetite for more," said Joshua, whose 22 professional fights have all taken place in Britain. He has won all of those bouts, 21 by knockout.

His last five fights have been in stadiums, with nearly 400,000 spectators attending in total. The highest-profile bout was against Wladimir Klitschko in front of 90,000 fans at Wembley Stadium in April 2017.

But Joshua has been increasingly aware that he needs to fight in the United States to raise his global profile.

"AJ has created an incredible 'Lion's Den' atmosphere in the U.K. and we plan to bring that energy to New York," said Joshua's promoter, Eddie Hearn.

He won't be doing so against WBC champion Deontay Wilder, who also is undefeated and most recently fought to a draw with Tyson Fury in December. Wilder has been openly critical of Joshua, claiming Joshua has been ducking him, and that boxing fans want to see a matchup to consolidate all the heavyweight titles.

Joshua has said he is looking to unify the belts, but negotiations with Wilder broke down last year.

Miller, meanwhile, also is

undefeated after winning 23 of his 24 fights. He was born in New York, so fighting at the Garden is a natural for him.

"AJ is making a huge mistake coming over here to fight me in my own backyard," Miller said. "He wants to announce himself on the American stage, but all he's doing is delivering me those belts by hand."

The fight will be broadcast by DAZN, the streaming service that also has a huge monetary deal with middleweight champion Canelo Alvarez. It will be on live television in the U.K.

"I am looking forward to taking on another challenge with a good boxer and a brilliant talker," Joshua said. "It will be an exciting fight, I will leave nothing to chance, and plan on dismantling Miller in style to make my mark." □



In this Sept. 20, 2018, file photo, boxer Anthony Joshua, of Britain, foreground, poses with boxing promoter Eddie Hearn after a press conference for Joshua's fight against Russia's Alexander Povetkin, at Wembley stadium in London.

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# 40 countries agree cars must have automatic braking

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

**GENEVA (AP)** — Forty countries led by Japan and the European Union — but not the U.S. or China — have agreed to require new cars and light commercial vehicles to be equipped with automated braking systems starting as soon as next year, a U.N. agency said Tuesday.

The regulation will require all vehicles sold to come equipped with the technology by which sensors monitor how close a pedestrian or object might be. The system can trigger the brakes automatically if a collision is deemed imminent and if the driver doesn't appear set to respond in time.

The measure will apply to vehicles at "low speeds": 60 kilometers per hour (42 mph) or less, and only affects new cars sold in the markets of signatory coun-



In this Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, photograph, a long row of unsold 2019 911 Carrera GTS cabriolets sits at a Porsche dealership in Littleton, Colo.

Associated Press

tries — so vehicle owners won't be required to retrofit their cars and trucks already on the roads today. The United States, China and India are members of the U.N. forum that adopted the new regulations. However, they did not take part in the negotiations because they want to ensure

that their national regulations keep precedence over U.N. rules when it comes to the auto industry. In 2016, 20 automakers reached an agreement with the U.S. government to put automatic emergency braking on all new vehicles by September of 2022, but compliance is voluntary. In

the most recent report on the safety technology from 2017, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that four of the 20 automakers — Tesla, Mercedes-Benz, Toyota and Volvo — had made automatic braking standard on more than half their models.

Data from the insurance industry's Highway Loss Data Institute show that 28 percent of 2019 U.S. models have standard automatic emergency braking. Another 36 percent have it as an option.

Jason Levine, executive director of the nonprofit Center for Auto Safety, said lack of U.S. participation in the U.N. group is embarrassing for a country that once led in auto safety.

"It is yet another indication of the auto industry in the United States and the Trump administration's complete lack of leadership when it comes to the safety of everyone on the road," Levine said Tuesday. A message was left Tuesday seeking comment from NHTSA, the U.S. highway safety agency.

The requirement will start taking effect next year first in Japan, where 4 million cars and light commercial vehicles were sold in 2018, said Jean Rodriguez, the

spokesman for the agency, called United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, or UNECE. The European Union, and some of its closest neighbors, is expected to follow suit in 2022.

UNECE says the countries that agreed to the deal want to be more proactive in fighting roadway accidents, particularly in urban settings where obstacles like pedestrians, scooters, bicycles and other cars in close proximity abound. The agency pointed to more than 9,500 roadway deaths in the EU in 2016, and EU Commission estimates that the braking systems could help save over 1,000 lives a year in the bloc.

Apparently wary that the regulations might be seen as a step toward giving artificial intelligence precedence over humans, the drafters put in clear language in their resolution: A driver can take control and override these automated braking systems at any time, such as through "a steering action or an accelerator kick-down."

UNECE says the new rules build on existing U.N. rules on the braking system for trucks and buses, mainly for safety in higher-speed motorway conditions. □

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## DHS cyber leader says 2020 security preparations underway

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The director of Homeland Security's cybersecurity agency says officials are working to secure the 2020 presidential election.

Christopher Krebs says he's trying to shift focus from what happened in 2016 with Russian interference to what could happen next. He's trying to get election security officials to think ahead and prepare for possibilities.

But he also says even the threat of a disruption can sow discord, and the government is working to bet-

ter inform Americans.

Krebs was testifying Wednesday before the House Homeland Security Committee, now under Democratic control.

Intelligence officials last week gave President Donald Trump a classified report on the 2018 midterm election that said no evidence was found that efforts by Russians or other foreign groups affected election or campaign infrastructure.

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## Couples learn how to be romantic and business partners

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Debbie and Gary Douglas sometimes need to remind each other, this is your business partner talking.

In business together for 16 years, the Douglasses have found that being co-owners of a public relations firm requires them to be more direct with each other than they once were as spouses. Like the time Debbie Douglas was on a ladder in their Newport Beach, California, home and her husband told her to come down because she might break an ankle.

"I said, 'don't worry about it.' He said, 'this is your partner speaking, you have a trade show to do next week and you can't do it with a broken ankle!'" says Debbie Douglas, co-owner of Douglas Strategic Communications.

Romantic partners who are also business partners can find there's a lot of tough talk, listening, learning and compromising needed as they run a company, a personal relationship and often a family. Couples may have unique struggles depending on their personalities and the type of business they own. But there are common hotspots: Roles and responsibilities that aren't well defined, vastly different styles of communication or decision-making and sometimes a clash of egos.

While the Douglasses know



In this Feb. 6, 2019, photo Debbie Douglas works on her computer as her husband and business partner, Gary, watches in their home office in Newport Beach, Calif.

Associated Press

how to take a hard line with one another, they also know when to budge.

"You yield to the other person if they are more qualified to make a decision," Gary Douglas says. "You can't have your own way every day, every time."

Ben Taylor and his wife Louise learned that lesson the hard way.

"At the end of the first work day, my wife burst into tears and said, 'I want to tell my husband how horrible my new boss is!'" Ben Taylor recalls. The problem was that the husband, who owned a technology consultancy, needed his wife's help but wasn't spelling out her role;

he'd never really thought it through. Like many entrepreneurs, he also found it hard to relinquish some tasks.

"I know I'm a bit of a control freak. It just didn't jell — we just got irritated with each other," says Ben Taylor, who also owns Homeworking-club.com, an advice website for freelance workers based in Kent, England.

The business partnership started in 2006 and failed in just a year. But the couple tried it again in 2013, this time with each of them handling specific responsibilities. She is a writer. He does the consulting and administrative tasks.

"My wife would far rather be free to do work for her clients — essentially working in the business while I'm working on the business," Ben Taylor says.

Spouses who co-own companies say friction, while unpleasant in the moment, ultimately helps them strengthen their relationships.

"We have learned to get through disagreements the old-fashioned way — through arguing and eventually coming to a compromise that one or both of us are happy with," says Clinton Smith, who owns the retirement planning firm Government & Civil Employee

Services with his husband, Galen Bargerstock.

The couple founded the business in 2010, five years into their relationship. At first, it was rocky. Smith remembers the fights they had over who should be doing what. But the company, based in Indiana, Pennsylvania, thrived, and "this was when we knew no matter what, we had to keep working hard," Smith says.

They learned how to divide responsibilities according to each partner's strengths; Bargerstock handles sales and Smith manages marketing.

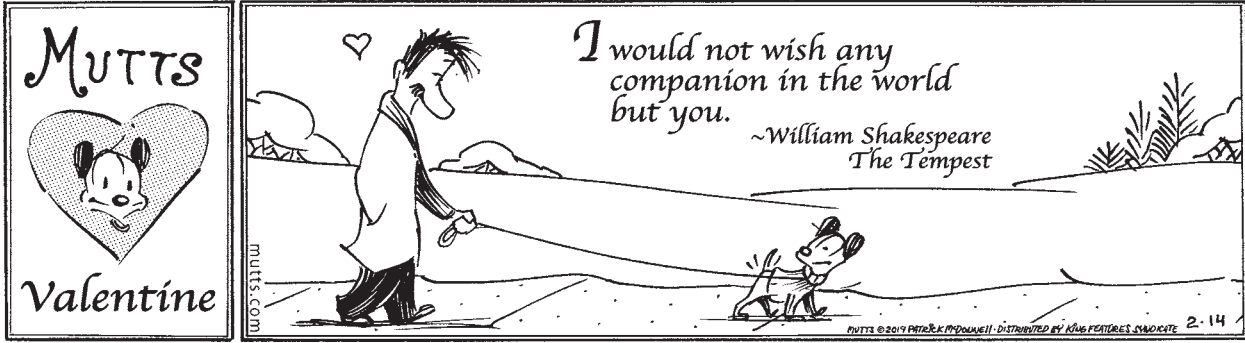
"We have grown both as a business, but also as a couple," Smith says.

Some couples go for help — not to a therapist, but a business coach. That's how Wendy and Scott Schultz reconciled their differing styles that, as Wendy Schultz put it, turned decision-making into a battlefield.

"I would see an opportunity to expand our business in the form of a new investment and would want to act quickly. He would see all of the reasons the investment could go wrong and wanted to take time to assess all the pros and cons," says Wendy Schultz, CEO of The Simple Life Hospitality. The Green Bay, Wisconsin-based company invests in and manages vacation rental properties; Schultz founded it in 2013 and her husband joined her in 2016.



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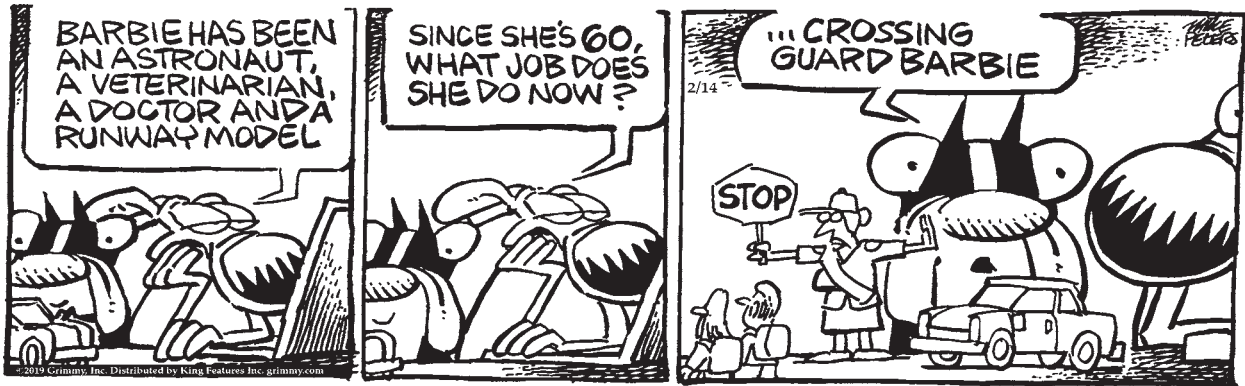
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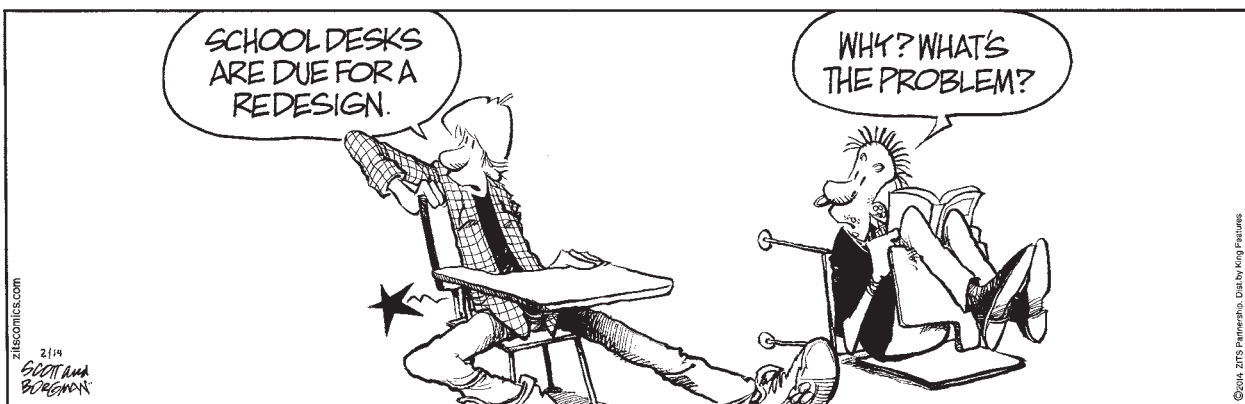
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## Baby Blues



## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

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4			5		3			6
5	1					9		4
		2				3		
			2		9			

Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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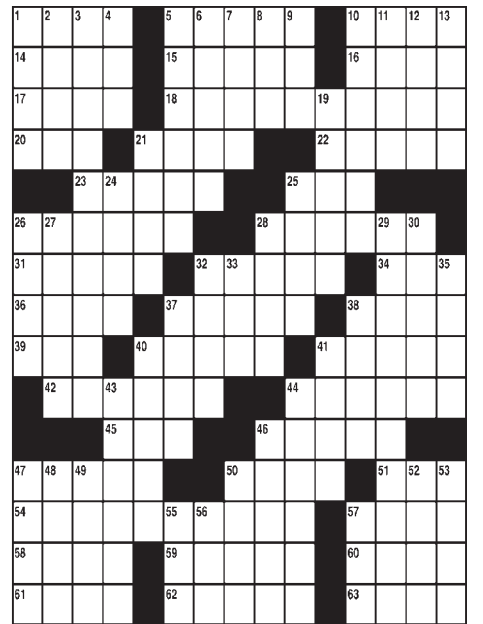
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5	7	3	4	9	1	8	2	6
8	9	6	3	2	5	4	1	7
7	1	2	8	6	3	5	9	4
3	8	4	9	5	7	2	6	1
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## ACROSS

- In a \_\_; putting
- Biblical whale's lunch
- Ax handle
- Zero
- Overdo the role
- Bogeyman
- \_\_ more; again
- Far-reaching
- Startling word
- 11/11 honorees
- Griffith & Garcia
- Some women's shoes
- Go quickly
- Singer Britney
- Like unexpressed anger
- Linger
- Short-tailed weasel
- Capture
- Stein beverages
- Transparent
- Alpha's follower
- Big \_\_; London landmark
- Sparkle
- Medium-sized dog
- Gawked
- Go by, as time
- Argument
- Terre \_\_, IN
- Home-shaped home
- Go out with
- Major TV network
- Cause severe & lasting anguish
- Ladder rung
- Fires, slangily
- NASCAR driver
- German man's title
- \_\_ Park, NY; FDR's hometown
- \_\_ over; faints
- Uneasy

## DOWN

- Holier-than-thou person
- Forbidden item
- Speaking deliciously
- 20th letter
- Gems
- Fails to include
- \_\_ off; falls asleep
- Suffix for consider or compassion
- "For \_\_ a jolly good fellow..."
- Stinging insect
- Grew gray
- Become worn at the edges
- Turner & Danson
- "\_\_ Your Wagon"; Broadway musical
- Quite
- Dumbo's "wings"
- Listen
- Puncture
- Loses color
- "Trees" or "The Road Not Taken"
- Surprising
- Cracker spreads
- Lean-to
- Soothing drink
- Unclothed
- Murdered
- Yacht or tug



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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## Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

OUTS	AJAR	CROW
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HORSE	STAGGERED	
UNO	SEE	REVERE
MOIST	ONE	
GABORS	PUERTO	
ELOPE	KEEPS	HUB
MISS	SEATS	FETA
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- Wedding party member
- Miserable
- Stir up
- Diners
- Eye color
- Uncomfortable skin sensation
- Elephant's color
- Come to shore
- Numbered cubes
- Titanic's downfall
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# Study: No leaking radiation from Alaska island nuclear site

By RACHEL D'ORO

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— The latest round of testing on Alaska's remote Amchitka Island found no radioactive material has leaked from locations where the federal government conducted underground nuclear tests there decades ago, a federal official said Tuesday.

Environmental samples tested in 2016 show no subsurface migration of radioactive material, said Jason Nguyen with the U.S. Department of Energy. Samples tested in 2011 also showed no "excessive risk" was found, he said. The department funds sample testing conducted on the island every five years.

"Our preliminary results for 2016 are showing that that conclusion still holds," Nguyen said as he moderated a panel discussion Tuesday at an environmental forum in Anchorage. A final report on that study is expected later this year.

Nguyen, the department's site manager for Amchitka work, also said a 2014 earthquake with a magnitude 7.9 damaged the caps of three drilling mud pits on the now-uninhabited island. But he said none



This file photo from June of 1971 shows a buckled cement pad that was damaged from the 1 megaton nuclear blast "Milrow", detonated 4,000 feet underground in 1969, Amchitka Island, Alaska the site of nuclear bomb testing in the 1960s and 1970s.

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of the diesel-fuel filled mud was exposed. The damage has not yet been repaired. Three nuclear tests were conducted between 1965 and 1971 on Amchitka, located in the Aleutian Islands chain 1,340 miles southwest of Anchorage. The island was occupied by Aleuts for thousands of years. But they were long gone by the time the U.S.

military built a base there during World War II as a strategic defense post, said Bruce Wright, the science adviser for the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, a tribal organization for Alaska's Aleuts including those on the closest occupied location, Adak Island, 200 miles east of Amchitka. Wright was among the speakers at Tuesday's gath-

ering.

Wright's group is a partner with the Department of Energy in the periodic sampling tests, including the latest studies.

"And so far, we're not seeing any leakage," he said. "That's good news."

The 2011 sampling report said tests indicated that seafood harvested near the now-unoccupied island is safe to eat. The report also said radioactive material from the nuclear tests has remained in the subsurface of each blast location, with the exception of small concentrations of radioactive material detected in several places in subsurface water after the first nuclear test.

The first of the nuclear blasts, dubbed Long Shot, was launched in 1965 with a goal of improving detections of underground nuclear explosions. The second test, called Milrow, was conducted in 1969 to assess detonations of much larger bombs.

The final blast, called Canikin, the largest underground nuclear test in U.S. history, was launched in 1971 as a weapons-related test. That detonation lifted the ground 20 feet and

was equal to the 400 times the power of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, according to information on the National Park Service website. Between 700 and 2,000 sea otters were killed by pressure changes caused by the explosion.

Amchitka, which became part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge in 1980, was part of another refuge when it was chosen for the nuclear tests, given the island's remoteness and existing infrastructure from the former military base. Other projects that followed at Amchitka include the construction and operation of a radar station. The island is now uninhabited.

Radiation-related cancers were far more common among scores of people who worked on Amchitka than among the general population, according to health screenings done through a federal government program. The program compensated hundreds of workers for medical costs.

Others, like Hayden McClure of Palmer, Alaska, received no compensation because he worked there many years after the nuclear blasts. □



In this 2018 photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is Wisdom, the world's oldest known breeding bird with a chick sits in a nest at the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and Battle of Midway National Memorial.

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## World's oldest known wild bird hatches chick on Midway Atoll

HONOLULU (AP) — The oldest known wild bird in the world has become a mother again at the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. wildlife officials said.

The Laysan albatross named Wisdom hatched a chick earlier this month at the remote atoll northwest of Hawaii, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Monday.

Wisdom is at least 68 years old and has raised at least 31 chicks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials said. Wisdom was first banded as an adult in 1956.

Wisdom and her mate, Akeakamai, have been returning to the atoll to

lay and hatch eggs since 2006. Laysan albatrosses mate for life and lay one egg per year.

"She's incredibly powerful as a symbol of why we do what we do and why people all over the world pay attention to her," said Beth Flint, a Fish and Wildlife Service biologist. "Wisdom is rewriting history about our understanding of survivorship, how long birds live, and how often they breed."

Albatross parents take turn incubating an egg for about seven months. Chicks fly out to sea about five to six months after hatching. They spend most of their lives flying over the

ocean — feeding on squid and fish eggs.

Midway Atoll is home to about 3 million seabirds, including about 1 million albatrosses.

They return to the places of their birth to nest and raise their young, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Midway Atoll's habitat doesn't just contain millions of birds, it contains countless generations and families of albatrosses," said Kelly Goodale, biologist at the refuge. "If you can imagine when Wisdom returns home she is likely surrounded by what were once her chicks and potentially their chicks." □

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# Rijksmuseum shows off its Rembrandts in blockbuster show

By MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — For the first time, and likely the last, the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam is showing off most of its works by Rembrandt van Rijn in a single exhibition.

From imposing portraits to intimate sketches and prints that usually lie co-cooned in the darkness of climate-controlled storage, the Amsterdam museum is exhibiting 22 paintings, 60 drawings and some 300 of its best etchings in the blockbuster show that turns visitors into flies on the walls of the Dutch master's life.

"I think the exhibition wonderfully explains who Rembrandt was as a person," said Pieter Roelofs, the museum's head of paintings and sculpture. "So we really are brought into his private world and on the other hand it gives a wonderful overview of Rembrandt as one of the most experimental and innovative artists in



People look at the only two full length portraits Rembrandt ever painted, that of Marten Soolmans, left, and Oopjen Coppit, right, (oil on canvas, 1634), during a press preview of an exhibition of the all the Rijksmuseum's Rembrandts in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019.

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Western art history."

Museum Director Taco Dibbits said Wednesday such a show is unlikely to be repeated.

"This will never happen

again because the works on paper are incredibly fragile," he said.

The museum actually owns 1,300 prints, but is showing only the best in the exhibi-

tion, "All the Rembrandts," that opens Friday.

It is part of a raft of shows at museums across the Netherlands this year to mark the 350th anniversary of the

artist's death.

The former Dutch queen, Princess Beatrix, formally opened festivities last month at the Mauritshuis museum in The Hague, home to another important collection of works by Rembrandt, including "The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp" and a poignant self-portrait from 1669, the year Rembrandt died.

The Mauritshuis is hoping it might finish the year with a couple more of his works. It is planning to conduct tests to see if it can conclusively attribute two more of its paintings to Rembrandt — "Study of an Old Man" and "Tronie of an Old Man."

The Rijksmuseum show gives an unprecedented overview of Rembrandt's progression from precocious young artist to the master of the Golden Age, who was one of the first to depict his subjects warts and all. □

# Naeem Khan gets a boost from a trio of '70s Halston muses

By JILL DOBSON

NEW YORK (AP)

— Naeem Khan brought 1970s glam back to New York Fashion Week with the help of a few models of the era.

The Halston icons Pat Cleveland, Karen Bjornson and Alva Chinn closed Khan's show Tuesday in silver sequined evening gowns, joined by the veteran designer on the runway for his bow.

Khan is known for his sparkling evening looks, but he got his start at Halston back in the day.

"I grew up working for Halston. So, the people at that time — Elizabeth Taylor, Liza Minnelli, Katharine Graham, Martha Graham — these were people, it was not just about fashion itself. It's about the energy that they portray," he told The Associated Press.

And while Khan is no stranger to beautiful designs, he explained that creating new collections is all about evolving the concept of "glamour" and keeping it new and fresh.

"It's not about having a



The latest fashion from Naeem Khan is modeled during Fashion Week Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, in New York.

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gown. You can buy a jacket, you can buy a vest, you can buy a scarf, so it's how you mix it and how you create your own," Khan said. For fall, his concept was very '70s bohemian, he said.

"Mick Jagger and everybody was going to India. The idea was freedom. The idea was liberty, and today politically what is happening. So, it's kind of taking the energy from that," Khan said.

"Will and Grace" star Debra Messing was on the front row. She said she can't get enough of Khan's clothing.

"I have been a fan of Naeem Khan's designs for years and years," she said. "I had the glorious privilege

of wearing his design to the Golden Globes this year, and I am just so excited to be able to see his collection because everything he does is always just glamour."

Ryan Seacrest also sat front row and said he, too, is wowed by his good friend's designs.

"The Oscars are coming up, so I am kind of thinking about what he may be making for those who will be on the carpet for the Oscars," he said.

The Academy Awards are Feb. 24.

Khan's sleek and funky collection featured head-to-toe embellishments, velvet and full-on sequined pantsuits, along with ornately patterned kimono-inspired blouses, robes and flowy sheaths. There were fun and flirty feathered cocktail minis and jackets paired with glittering tops and unique neckties.

The models sported big, voluminous '70s waves in their hair as they rocked the runway to the tunes of Pink Floyd and Queen. □



# 'Alita: Battle Angel' is big eyes and big effects

By MARK KENNEDY  
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Alita is just like a typical teenage girl. She loves chocolate, breaks curfew and crushes on a bad boy with floppy hair, a leather jacket and a motorcycle. But Alita isn't typical in other ways. For one, she can slice apart a single falling tear with her ferocious battle sword.

Those are the two sides brought up by "Alita: Battle Angel," our film entry into the thrilling manga world of artist Yukito Kishiro and imagined for the screen by producer James Cameron and director Robert Rodriguez. The film crams in so many plot lines that it risks being overstuffed but somehow stays true to its mesmerizing vision and emerges as a sci-fi success, if not a triumph.

Alita is both machine and human and the big-budget screen adaptation is both live action and computer generated, each element present in Alita herself, played with equal parts tenderness and ferocity by Rosa Salazar.



This image released by Twentieth Century Fox shows the character Alita, voiced by Rosa Salazar, in a scene from "Alita: Battle Angel."

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She's been given huge CG eyes but they're not as distracting as you may fear. Somehow, Salazar still conveys deep emotion without a crucial acting tool. The film also has appearances by Jennifer Connelly, who is chilly and mysterious, and Mahershala Ali, who is chilly and dangerous.

The film begins with Alita's torso found in a junk heap

by a compassionate cyber-physician played by Christoph Waltz. The year is 2563 and we are in the crowded, chaotic streets of Iron City, a melting pot of survivors from a post-apocalyptic war. Cyborgs are everywhere and getting fresh parts seems to fuel the economy. (Curiously, plastic umbrellas are still in use. Cities can float in

the sky here, but the population still relies on cheap plastic umbrellas.) Alita's human core is given a body and she awakens but has no memory of what came before. She must find out who she is and what her destiny is. "Whose rules do I live by?" she asks. Meanwhile, she falls for a human cyborg jacker (bland but hunky Keanu Reeves)

who has some moral issues to work out since he's romancing a cyborg by day and slicing them apart at night.

There are several subplots involving cyberpunk bounty hunters, a ruling elite that lives in the sky and the town's favorite sport — Motorball, a combination meth-fueled roller derby and Death Race. The film is rated PG-13 but there's quite a bit of cyber-gore here, including gouging out eyeballs (more than once) and slicing metal folk in half or amputating them. If these were human, we'd be moving toward an R for sure.

The filmmakers are not afraid of making our heroine absolutely lethal and yet swooningly immature (she actually digs into her chest and offers her own artificial beating heart to her boyfriend, later laughingly admitting that gesture was "intense.") She can give a beat-down to a roomful of hardened killers but still curl up on the couch and put her head on her adoptive dad's chest. □

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## Cass McCombs evokes the West on 'Tip of the Sphere'



This cover image released by ANTI- shows "Tip of the Sphere," a release by Cass McCombs.

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By PABLO GORONDI  
Associated Press  
Cass McCombs, "Tip of the Sphere" (ANTI-)

Cass McCombs follows up 2016's "Mangy Love," the most all-around successful and profile-lifting album of

his career, with an atmospheric, sweetly meandering record made in 10 days in Brooklyn but with plenty of sonic and thematic references to his native West. "Tip of the Sphere" tapers down some of the frills of its predecessor, achieving a more uniform overall sound while still finding space for some catchy arrangements and lyrics alternating between mythical, realistic and enigmatic.

A hypnotic, insistent guitar arpeggio on the introductory "I Followed the River South to What," as well as the vaguely Jackson Browne-like tone of McCombs vocals, not to mention the turbulent and lengthy guitar solo, evoke the California spirit, while "The Great Pixley Train Robbery" is a dynamic tune based on a real 1889 heist.



# Eva Longoria a triple threat with ABC series 'Grand Hotel'

By **BETH HARRIS**  
**LYNN ELBER**

**PASADENA, Calif. (AP)** — A roundup of news from the Television Critics Association winter meeting, where TV networks and streaming services are presenting details on upcoming programs.

## STAR TURN

Eva Longoria was so busy behind the scenes of the upcoming series "Grand Hotel," it took a bit for the actress to realize there was no part for her.

As an executive producer on the ABC drama, Longoria was in position to do something about it. She asked writer Brian Tanen to create something for her. She will play a mother in four episodes of the show that takes place at the last family-owned hotel in Miami.

Longoria began filming about five months after giving birth to her first child, whom she toted with her to a TV critics' meeting Tuesday.

"I was directing the show while I was breastfeeding. I was crazy," she said. "The first time you see me I'm about 20 pounds (9 kilograms) heavier than the last time you see me because five months had passed."

Longoria is one of seven women who direct on the show that debuts June 17. She's proud that half of the



Eva Longoria participates in the "Grand Hotel" panel during the ABC presentation at the Television Critics Association Winter Press Tour at The Langham Huntington on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019, in Pasadena, Calif.

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writers are women and people of color, nine of the 11 actors are people of color, and women work in the roles of director of photographer, assistant directors and stunt coordinator.

"It's still not common enough to have women behind the camera," Longoria said.

The show stars Demian Bichir, Roselyn Sanchez and Wendy Raquel Robinson. It's based on the Spanish series "Gran Hotel."

## 'MODERN' ERA ENDING

ABC's "Modern Family," the

five-time Emmy Award-winner for best comedy, will end its run next year after 11 seasons.

ABC Entertainment President Karey Burke announced the end of the series about the boisterous extended family on Tuesday. It will finish three seasons short of the longest-running sitcom ever, "The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet."

The series produced by Christopher Lloyd and Steve Levitan was an immediate hit after its debut in September 2009. It be-

gan a five-year streak of winning the Emmy for best comedy a year later. Actors Ty Burrell, Julie Bowen and Eric Stonestreet each won two Emmys. It's currently seen by nearly 5 million viewers a week.

## CLARK'S NEW CHAPTER

Marcia Clark insists she's not reliving her post-O.J. Simpson trial life in the new series "The Fix."

Clark co-created the ABC show about a character that viewers who followed the Simpson saga will recognize. Robin Tunney stars

as a Los Angeles district attorney whose failed prosecution of a famous movie star on trial for double murder derails her career.

Eight years after the first trial, the actor comes under suspicion for another murder and Tunney's character seeks the justice that first eluded her.

Clark said Tuesday that the show's first five minutes draws on what she went through during the Simpson trial. After that, she says the story is complete fiction.

The series debuting March 18 will focus on a single case over 10 episodes.

## OSCARS SHAPES UP

Oscars ceremony disarray over the exit of Kevin Hart as the host of the show had an upside — people paid attention, ABC's entertainment president said Tuesday.

"Ironically, I have found that the lack of clarity ... has kept the Oscars really in the conversation, and the mystery has been really compelling," said Karey Burke, whose network is the ceremony's longtime home.

She called the interest proof that the Oscars are still relevant.

Burke's worries about the host-less Feb. 24 ceremony have vanished as it comes together with a "phenomenal" line-up of presenters, she said. □

# Jane Harper writes engrossing 3rd novel

By **OLINE H. COGDILL**

"The Lost Man" (Flatiron Books), by Jane Harper

The three Bright brothers, bonded by blood, history and the vagaries of the Australian outback, are the true lost men of Jane Harper's engrossing third novel, "The Lost Man."

"The Lost Man" works as a story about families and also as a tale about surviving in the outback, a "land of extremes where people were either completely fine or they were not." Certain rules "written in blood" guide life in the Queensland part of Australia — break one and the

outback is not just unforgiving, it can be fatal. Here it's a hardscrabble life, the nearest neighbor may be a three-hour drive away, death from dehydration is a reality and checking in regularly with others is vital. Oldest brother Nathan Bright is isolated even more than the norm, banished from the town of Balamara for breaking one of those Australian rules and is semi-estranged from his family. He spends his solitary life tending a dying ranch, waiting for those infrequent visits from his teenage son,

Xander. He and youngest brother, Bub, are brought together when the body of middle brother, Cam, is found near the landmark grave of an old stockman, an area icon wrapped up in legend. Cam's well-stocked vehicle, filled with food and water as it should be, is found miles away from his body. How Cam, so well-seasoned in the ways of Australia, ended up dead forms the crux of "The Lost Man."

Cam's death forces Nathan to re-examine his life and how he has thrown himself into the life of a lon-

er. Cam seemed to have it all — an intelligent wife, two daughters and a prosperous farm. He was well liked in ways that Nathan, and to an extent Bub, never could be. But Cam had a dark side that few knew about, as evidenced as secrets begin to spill out. Solid, believable characters fill "The Lost Man." But equally important is the exploration of the outback where "too much space" gives way to resentments. Helicopters are used to round up cattle and long-range radios are a necessity in this "perfect sea of nothingness." □



This cover image released by Flatiron Books shows "The Lost Man," by Jane Harper.

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# A breed apart: Rare Westminster dogs have ring to themselves

By JENNIFER PELTZ  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Every dog breed has its day at the Westminster Kennel show. That day can start by facing off against dozens of dogs — or no others at all.

Outside the ring where as many as 48 French bulldogs vied this week to be best of their breed, Peter and Tracy Rousseau kept a sense of perspective about the field their Norwegian lundehund would face later in the day.

A member of the rarest breed in the American Kennel Club's rankings, Eva was one of only two lundehunds at the nation's most prestigious dog show. Last year, she was the only one. "We're trying to get people to understand this breed and have an opportunity to see" a small dog that is truly a breed apart, Tracy Rousseau said. Originally bred to hunt cliff-dwelling puffins, lundehunds have extra toes and extraordinary flexibility to help them climb.

"They're very unique," so much so that fanciers strive to make sure people realize the unusual feet aren't a deformity, Rousseau said. To the Rousseaus, it's worth traveling from Franktown, Colorado, to New York just to get attention for lundehunds at Westminster, where Eva had a memorable turn in last year's televised semifinals. She stopped to scratch her ear and back while parading around the ring, drawing



An English foxhound, the only one of its breed to compete, appears at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, in New York.

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laughs from the audience. On Monday, Eva's only competitor, Pikku, won the breed and took its spot on TV. Owner Carrie Riley of Rockwall, Texas, said she'd like to see more people take an interest in lundehunds.

Some dogs had the breed ring all to themselves at this week's show, including a Boykin spaniel named Nana, a harrier named Cora and an English foxhound named Whiskey.

The English foxhound and harrier are among the 10 rarest breeds in the AKC rankings, but Boykins aren't all that uncommon, and they're the state dog of

South Carolina. But the small, water-loving hunting dogs were for years something of a South Carolina secret, and they're still not as widely known as some other spaniel breeds.

The sole sloughi that was entered didn't show up. The athletic, greyhound-style dogs became eligible for Westminster just two years ago.

Rarity and super-popularity are both seen as mixed blessings in canine competition, and sometimes in the purebred dog world as a whole.

Less competition in the breed ring makes it easier to reach at least the semifinals. But that means facing other breeds that judges may know better. Points toward championship titles are based partly on how many dogs of the same breed a winner beats at a given show.

And aficionados such as Mary Clegg, who owns the winning kuvasz in a ring of three on Tuesday, sometimes worry for the futures of their beloved breeds.

"They're becoming more and more rare," said Clegg, whose 17-year-old daughter, Caroline, showed their kuvasz Mo'Ne. The stunning, snowy-white Hungar-

ian livestock guardian has a protective, independent nature that requires an experienced owner, said Clegg, of Lebanon, Ohio. The harrier, meanwhile, is trainable and a great family pet if provided enough exercise, said Cora's co-breeder, Donna Smiley.

"We'd love to get more folks interested in them, so we can keep the breed going," said Smiley, of Indio, California. "This is a breed that is very much in danger of going extinct."

Overall, the more than 2,800 dogs that signed up to compete for Best in Show this year come from

203 breeds and varieties. That's every AKC-registered breed except the Chinook, a sled-puller that's the official state dog of New Hampshire.

Dogs such as French bulldogs and golden retrievers — the show's biggest entry, with as many as 57 competing Tuesday — have to best a crowd just to get past the breed ring.

Frenchies have rocketed from 76th to fourth in the AKC rankings in 20 years, the kind of surge that makes aficionados both proud and concerned about lax breeders trying to cash in.

"It's a great breed, and you want people to fall in love with it," Christine Dudney of Temple Terrace, Florida, said as she waited to show her French bulldog, Millie. "You just worry about people getting into it for the money aspect."

Some uncommon breeds do put together a robust presence for Westminster.

There were nine keen hound faces in the Cirneco dell'Etna ring, though the rabbit-hunting breed is the seventh-rarest in the U.S. and debuted at Westminster only in 2016.

Dr. Cheryl McDermott and her 12-year-old daughter, Brenna, brought four of the Cirneco contestants.

"The biggest thing for us is to represent the breed with the best dogs possible," said McDermott, a veterinarian in Ethel, Washington, "so that people can have more exposure to this breed as a possibility." □



Tracy Rousseau, left, owner and handler of dog Eva, and Jessica de Jong, handler of dog Pikku, both the Norwegian Lundehund breed, compete in the Best of Breed event at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, in New York.

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Yvore, a 10-month-old French bulldog, waits her turn to compete at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, in New York.

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